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NOTICE

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1. All employees of this Corporation should register themselves with the Corporation between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on week days from December 7 to December 14, inclusive. They should bring with them four passport photographs. The place of registration will be announced later. They shall surrender the identification permits for the Kai Tak Airfield and their badges formerly issued by the Corporation at the time of registration.

2. Subject to the registration and surrender of identification permits and badges, the Managing Director will continue the payment of wages to all employees thus registered, and will ask the Director of Civil Aviation in Hongkong to issue new badges and new identification permits for the Kai Tak Airfield.

3. The payment of wages for the month of December will be made on December 15, 1949 after permission is obtained from the Supreme Court to release the Corporation's funds.

Signed:

SHEN TEH-HSIEH,
Managing Director,
China National

NOTICE

TO:—CHINA NATIONAL AVIATION CORPORATION EMPLOYEES

The registration and surrender of Identification Permits and badges referred to in my announcements to the Press will take place at No. 7 Ice House Street, Hongkong, ground floor between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on week days from December 7, 1949 to December 14, 1949, inclusive.

Signed:

SHEN TEH-HSIEH,
Managing Director,
China National Aviation Corporation.

December 3, 1949.

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I. NEWTON,
Director
of Medical Services.
December 3, 1949.

NOTICE

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The first meeting of this branch will take place on Wednesday, December 7, 1949. Tea will be provided at the Sergeants' Mess at 4.30 p.m., followed by a social evening in the Corporals' Club. It is hoped that all past members of the Regiment in Hong Kong will attend and make this meeting a success. The finals of the 27 Infantry Brigade Inter Unit Boxing Tournament will also be taking place during the afternoon.

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the above may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close to the Secretary, Telephone House, 1st floor, at noon on Saturday, 10th December, 1949.

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By R. H. Naylor

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
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MINISTERS TO
HOLD MEETING

Stockholm, December 2.

The Scandinavian Premiers, Defence, Foreign, Trade and Finance Ministers will probably meet in Copenhagen shortly.

They will discuss matters of common political interest, according to usually well-informed sources here.

KASHMIR
REPORT
FOR UN

Geneva, December 3.

The report of the Kashmir Commission will be forwarded to the Secretary-General of the United Nations about the second week of this month.

The report will be circulated to members of the Security Council and a date fixed for the discussion. This is expected to take place early next year.

Mr. M. A. Gurnani, Pakistan's Minister for Kashmir Affairs, today called on Mr. Colban, representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the Kashmir Commission.

Mr. Gurnani will represent Pakistan at the discussions of the Security Council on the report of the Kashmir Commission.

Mr. Gurnani, who arrived here yesterday, was shown round the Palais des Nations in Geneva this morning by M. Colban. This evening he will dine with the members of the Kashmir Commission.

There will be no official discussions on the Kashmir problem, but there may be some informal talks on the matter.

Mr. Gurnani will leave Geneva for Paris and London on Sunday. Meanwhile, he will renew contacts with such organisations as the International Red Cross.—Reuter.

It will be one of the routine periodic meetings held between Nordic statesmen to stake out, as far as possible, a common Scandinavian foreign and economic policy, particularly in the United Nations Organisation.

These consultations have been taking place regularly, although the three countries failed to agree on a joint defence pact in Oslo earlier this year.

Norway and Denmark then decided to join the Atlantic Pact and Sweden to remain neutral, but the three countries agreed to continue and expand their consultations on political, economic and cultural matters.

A report from Copenhagen to the Swedish Liberal evening newspaper "Aftonbladet" that discussions for a joint defence of Scandinavia will be resumed in Copenhagen in the competent quarters here.

If Russia Moves

Sweden's neutrality policy is unchanged and has the support of all political parties—except the Communists who say it is un-neutral—the Premier, Mr. Tage Erlander, confirmed again in a speech yesterday.

Only if Soviet Russia moved against Finland would Sweden abandon her neutrality, these quarters added.

The meeting, which Mr. Erlander will neither confirm nor deny, will be the biggest Scandinavian Ministers' gathering since the Oslo discussions.

The presence of the Trade and Finance Ministers may yield a common statement on Scandinavia's long-planned Customs Union, her attitude to Eritania, and to London reports that Britain may offer Scandinavia a loose Customs or commercial union.—Reuter.

KOREAN REDS
"REPENT"

Seoul, December 3. Forty thousand South Koreans "repented" as Communist during the last five weeks, the Korean National Guidance League announced today.

The Communists were urged to "awaken now or be lost forever" in a campaign aimed at persuading them to apply for an amnesty.

The campaign ended on November 30 and the Ministries of Defence, Home Affairs and Justice are now jointly embarked upon a vigorous clean-up of all "unrepentant sinners".—Reuter.

Etna Roars
Into Action

Catania, December 2. Peasants living on the fertile lower slopes of Mount Etna were awakened by a roar today as the volcano belched lava and dust through three new mouths near the Central crater. Lava streaming down the North Eastern slope surged into some fields. No other damage was done through the lava falling on the city of Catania, seven miles away. The highest volcano in Europe, Etna was last active in July. It has a record of more than 80 known eruptions.—Reuter.

BACK TO
WORK AT
ENUGU

Lagos, December 2.

Miners at the Enugu mine, West Africa's biggest coal mine, who have been on strike for higher wages have returned to work.

Miners have been occupying the pit for more than a week since their initial clash with the police touched off riots among the Ibo tribe in Eastern Nigeria.

Nineteen miners were killed when police opened fire during a clash at the mines.

The back to work move began on Thursday and output reached 1,500 tons, about four-fifths of the normal output.

The Commission enquiring into the disorders arrived in Lagos today and will begin work at Enugu early next week.—Associated Press.

"Germans
Held In
Spain"

Munich, December 3.

The "Sueddeutsche Zeitung" today alleged that hundreds of Germans are being held in Spanish concentration camps.

The newspaper published an exclusive interview with a Hamburg Senator, Herr Hermann Wolters, who recently visited Spain.

Herr Wolters claimed that during his visit to the Nanchure concentration camp, 80 miles South of San Sebastian, about 400 Germans assembled and implored him to help them.

"We have typhoid fever, we are dying here," the prisoners shouted as they flocked to the building where the Senator conferred with the camp commandant, it is said.

The commandant told Herr Wolters that all the Germans, mostly former soldiers who escaped to Spain between 1944 and 1946, would be released if transport was paid to return them to Germany.

Herr Wolters claimed that they were poorly fed and clad in rags. He said he has a list of the German prisoners and will ask the West German Government to take action on their behalf.

He estimated the number of Germans held in Spanish camps at about 1,000.—Reuter.



THE SAILOR WHO WASN'T IN THE AMETHYST

Angus Ward Leaving
Mukden By Wednesday

Washington, December 2.

The State Department announced that Chinese Communist officials have ordered Consul-General Angus Ward and his entire staff to leave Mukden by 8 a.m. next Wednesday morning, Chinese time.

The State Department Press Officer, Michael McDermott, said that Mr. Ward told this to the U.S. Consul-General in Peking, Edmund Clubb, in a telephone conversation on Friday morning.

Mr. Ward said he had been notified by the Mukden municipal government to the effect that he, together with all foreign members of the Consulate-General staff and dependents, must leave Mukden within 48 hours after 8 a.m. Monday, December 5, China time.

Mr. McDermott expressed the hope that the State Department can free by Christmas the two U.S. Naval fliers held by the Chinese Communists for 13 months.

While Tientsin is in the area nominally covered by the Nationalist blockade, Mr. McDermott said, American ships are calling there regularly, and the three American vessels which are expected to make the port between December 6 and 17 are about the normal number for that period.

Letter To Mayor

Mr. Ward also reported in his conversation with Mr. Clubb on Friday morning that he had previously written to the Mayor of Mukden, asking to be informed on Saturday of the date when he and his staff could expect transportation facilities.

He had further asked for three days advance notice in which to make final preparations.

The Communists granted this request, Mr. McDermott said.

The State Department accordingly expects that Mr. Ward and his staff and dependents will leave Mukden early next week by train to Tientsin, he said.—United Press.

DORSETSHIRE TO
TAKE DUTCH
TROOPS FROM
INDONESIA

Amsterdam, December 3. The 8,109-ton British troopship Dorsetshire of the Bibby Line has been chartered by the Dutch Government and Rotterdam Lloyd shipping companies for the repatriation of Dutch troops in Indonesia.

The Dorsetshire, which has accommodation for 845 passengers, will leave Batavia for Amsterdam on January 17. To meet the heavy demand for passage from Indonesia to the Netherlands, incursions are being taken to charter additional ships in 1950.—Reuter.

NEW PACT
ON SUGAR
PROPOSED

Washington, December 2. A new international sugar agreement was urged today as the best way to avoid a world surplus of sugar.

Mr. David M. Keiser, Chairman of the United States-Cuba Sugar Council, made the recommendation at an informal meeting of sugar industry representatives at the Agriculture Department. Cuba has proposed renewing an agreement in effect prior to World War Two.

Mr. Keiser said in a prepared statement: "While there may be no prospect of a serious surplus of sugar in the world during the year 1950, one could develop, in the absence of proper international control, very shortly thereafter."

"It is therefore of the utmost importance that the machinery for such control be in existence before an emergency arises."

The proposed agreement would allot quotas to world producing areas, and bind importing areas to adhere to the treaty.

Unlike the sugar agreement of 1937, it would have some controls over prices.

At an Agriculture Department hearing on Tuesday and Wednesday, Mr. Keiser urged the Department to take the lead in trying to bring about a new international agreement.

The Department hearing was on U.S. sugar needs for 1950. The Secretary of Agriculture will set the estimate some time this month.—Associated Press.

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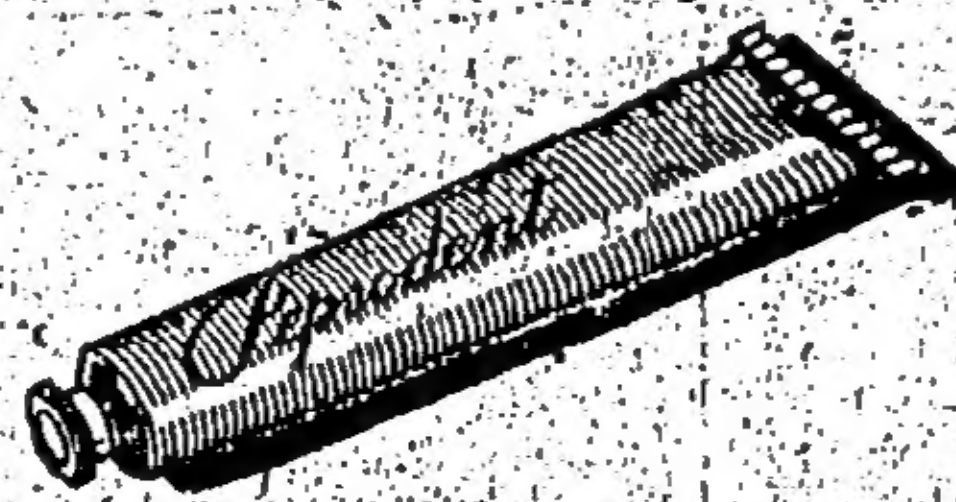
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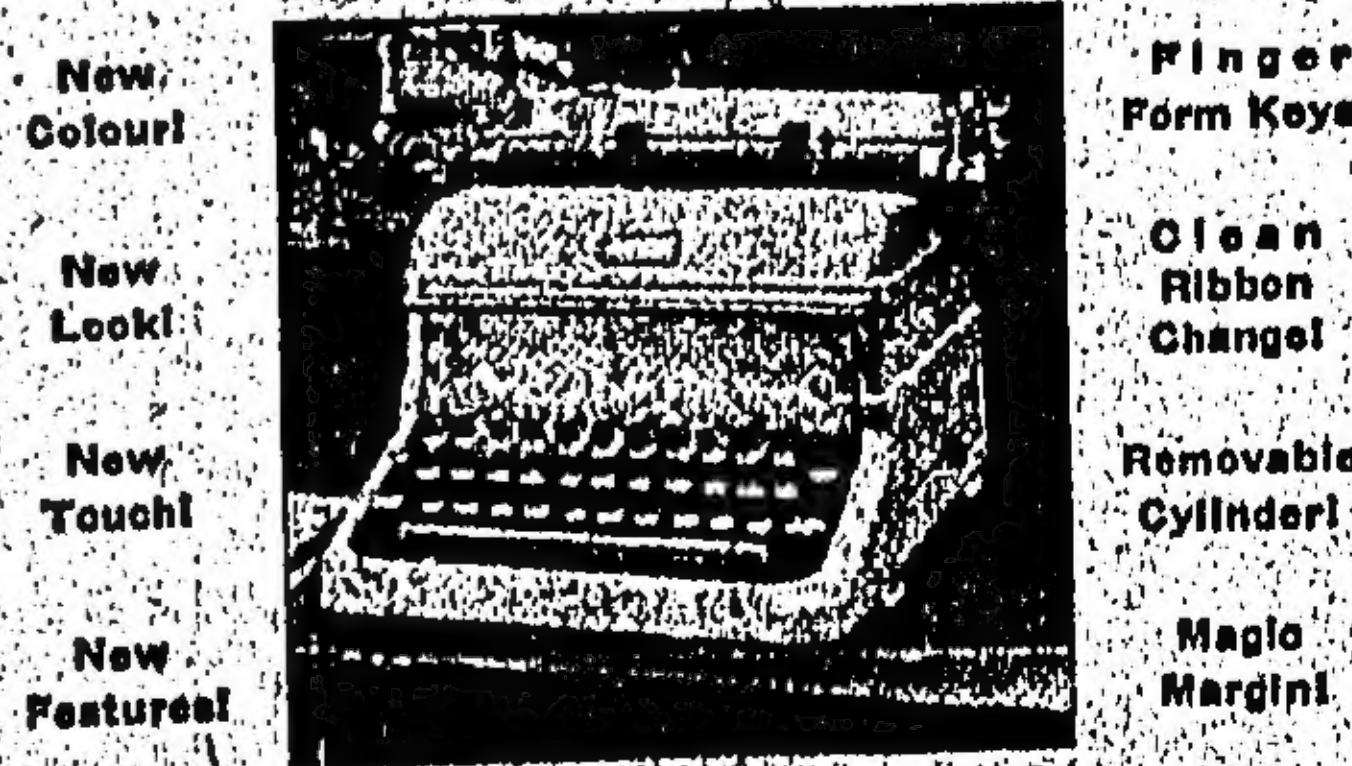
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Behind The Political Scene

By ALASTAIR FORBES

TORIES KEEP PRODDING

The unsatisfactorily brief and restricted debate, which was all that Mr. Morrison was willing to grant for the first discussion of foreign affairs since last July, will nevertheless have given a few crumbs of encouragement to those who in foreign countries have lately been despairing of National Socialist Britain's desire to play sufficient part in building a strong and united Europe.

Those, especially, who do not despair of the intelligence of the British electorate will have been gratified to hear from Mr. Harold Macmillan a statesman supremely fitted, should his party gain office, to be the next Foreign Secretary, the following opinion: "I do not think the Council of Europe can survive, still less achieve its purpose, without full British participation. Yet if it perishes, the last hope of peace perishes with it."

Fresh evidence has been forthcoming that the Conservative leaders are not going to rest for one minute from the persistent prodding which has been necessary to get Mr. Bevin huffing and puffing his lumbering way towards a coherent and constructive policy.

The Foreign Secretary was shaken from his usual complacency by the critical survey to which Mr. Churchill subjected his long stewardship. His jaws clamped away in rhythmic movement, but there was about this gesture no cowl-like contentment. The sour cud of criticism provided him with some very disagreeable chewing.

Vigorous Attack

Mr. Bevin's opening speech had contained little new information, and its manner of delivery was dreary enough to diminish the already scant attendance in the Chamber.

Outside the Commons people may wonder if the Foreign Secretary will be able to deliver his "last term" or office. Inside it they are usually more concerned as to whether he will be able to finish his sentence. Where there is so little continuity of thought, there can scarcely be much consistency of policy.

Of the latest developments in the Allies' German policy, under discussion by Dr. Adenauer and the three commissioners, there was no revelation, unless it was the confirmation of the lack of preparation for exploiting this hopeful turn in European affairs. Mr. Churchill's vigorous attack on the Government's dilatoriness

and lack of foresight was in sharp contrast to Mr. Bevin's interminable review. The style was to the Foreign Secretary's credit—his Chatham House catalogue of conferences.

The only weak spots in his brilliantly deployed arguments were where he carelessly implied that the dismantling policy was a British rather than an Allied responsibility, and where he carelessly over-emphasized the bad effect of withdrawing our token force from Greece, where this move has been accepted with general understanding and without resentment.

Weakens The Cause

Mr. Churchill rightly stressed the unfortunate effect of Britain's support for Czechoslovakia on the Security Council and got no satisfactory answer on this point from Mr. Mayhew, who had been more occupied brushing up his Haylesbury Detaching Society manner than in studying the important issues upon which his department was being questioned.

The so-called "gentlemen's agreements" at UN date back in many cases to the ugly horse-trading deals to which Mr. Attlee and Mr. Eden were party at San Francisco, but there is no possible point in respecting them now.

The continuation of this sort of Foreign Office appeasement wins no reciprocal advantages, and weakens the cause of all who are trying to throw off Muscovite dictation.

For a Government spokesman on such occasions to accuse more experienced statesmen on the Opposition side of "hysteria" proves nothing except that Government's own tendency both to hysteria and to appeasement. Mr. Mayhew, it appears, does not deserve more serious respect as a Minister than his recent American outburst has already earned him. While young Mr. Hector MacNeil has proved a fine Minister of State, younger Mr. Mayhew seems to be a feeble and morose creature.

The theme of his long speech, which was valuable in many ways, was the incontrovertible proposition that "unless we throw our weight into Western Europe in a far clearer way than



"They're nuts—before you know where we are we'll have Glasnost out here issuing us ration books!"

The Russian Menace

Mr. Crawley, along with Mr. Crossman and Mr. Lee of Manchester, are among the very few Socialists who seem to have grasped this, and who are rightly urging that we do everything possible to back up the French in ensuring that Germany's more rapid reintegration into Western Europe is accompanied by proper security safeguards.

It is a pity that Mr. Crawley's reliability as a witness should have to be thrown into occasional doubt by such rash and preposterous statements as his reference to Lord Beaverbrook as Mr. Churchill's "closest associate."

But it is welcome to find that he is not alone in his party in repudiating what must now be called the Wavell-Zilliacus line that it is Germany and not Russia that constitutes the greatest threat to peace today.

The gravity of the never-weakening Russian menace was stressed in many weighty speeches, notably in those of Lord John Hope, Mr. Fitzroy Maclean, Mr. Mott-Radclyffe, and Mr. Macmillan.

The need for relentless toughness in resisting Russian encroachment and for exploiting to the maximum the rifts which are appearing in Communist ranks, Titoist as well as Stalinist, is greater than ever, and any tendency to complacency or weak-kneed appeasement on the part of Western Governments must continue to be challenged by enlightened members of all political parties.

Pound y Dollar

Sir Stafford Cripps gave a Press conference in which he attempted to dismiss the seriousness of the very low quotations now being obtained for the pound sterling in many parts of the world.

He will be encouraged to see the latest subscription rates of the Socialist New Statesman and Nation, which is still soliciting readers abroad on the basis of 5s or 1s, thus quoting the pound at the staunchly reactionary rate of £4.03, or will he rather be vexed to detect such a deliberate disincentive to increased dollar sales of this cultural export?

Your life and Mine

by IRIS ASHLEY

My! but it's catching. If I see a girl with nice clothes but untidy hair, I mutter to myself, "A swept-up job." The dark blue Service has become a "Naval Type," and asking the identity of a brass hat across the room I heard myself saying, "Who is the brown job?"

The reason for all this is that I have been visiting the RAF station at Hawkinge, near Folkestone, which is a training depot for the WRAF as well as a mixed station, though the men in this case are outnumbered: there are two officers and 50 men on the regular staff.

The Commanding Officer of this station holds a rank equal to that of a full Army colonel, and with the same absolute power over all personnel, even of detention if need be.

With this information in mind I found the RAF an intriguing character. Group Officer Dunne is a tall, slender, fair-haired young woman in the very early thirties.

Her voice is quiet, and so are her hands: she never fidgets. Here is no pale shadow of a man, but a woman with brains and natural authority very 1940.

(thing from Churchill to Thurber). I had tea the first day with members of the Officer Cadets' Training Unit (CTU), some of whom were cadets who were rising from the ranks; the others (16 of them) are known on the station as "Our Educated Ladies." These are all university graduates who have been teaching in civilian life. Their



qualifications allow them to enter the Service with a commission, and they come to Hawkinge to learn how to be WRAF officers as well as teachers.

These girls are all between 20 and 25 years old. They are teachers of all subjects, from geography, through modern language and classics, to girls like Flying Officer Ursula Gregg, a 22-year-old biologist and chemist from London University. F. O. Gregg is a pretty girl too. She was educated at a FNEU school in Beverly Hills, U.S.

Asked why she joined the WRAF she said she liked to travel, she also like companionship of her own age, neither of which advantages seemed available to a civilian teacher.

All the "educated ladies" gave this answer. They didn't say much about the security or pay, though another pretty girl, F. O. Adcock, said she found the pay better than civilian life because mess bills cost less than living in digs. I said, what about marriage? They laughed and said they were too busy on the course just now.

My visit coincided with another course which was for non-commissioned officers. This was called an "Administrative Course" (hereafter called Admin.) and is about pretty everything from soup to nuts in the Service.

All N.C.O.s are expected to be able to take over responsibility of other ranks at a moment's notice, so they must have a working knowledge of how to clean out a barrack, how to deal with day-to-day matters involving

Service law, such as minor offences or granting a leave pass, etc.

There is also a good deal of applied psychology in Admin. Girls who have never before held authority are taught the difficult art of using and not abusing the position.

While the exam. results were coming through I sat around and talked with the girls. I asked if they minded the somewhat Spartan barracks in which they slept, and the inevitable physical training. They said the barracks soon warmed up when occupied, and they all felt better for the outdoor life.

There was A.C.W.2 Mona Currie ("I'm the absolute bottom rank—so far") from Edinburgh. She had been a secretary to a dentist, but saw no future in it. She figured the £1 a week A.C.W.s, start with is a bit thin for those who get no help from home.

However, a bit higher up, Sergeant Gladys Fulford, a wireless operator, who comes from Southampton, thought the pay was fine. Dark-haired, blue-eyed Sergeant Fulford has had eight years in the Service, and has a nice tan from her travels. She's been to France, Germany, Palestine, and Aden.

What do they actually DO? Well, aside from the obvious domestic jobs, there are various trades in which they are trained. Of these are: Electricians, Radar mechanics, wireless fitters, photographers, masseuses, nursing, transport mechanics, drivers, hairdressers, interpreters, all kinds of clerks—and "musical" is also listed as a trade.

A parent might ask, does the Service give a girl any training which she can bring back into civilian life? (You can leave at the end of four years if you wish.)

Well, the above list speaks for itself, but let's take a few extracts from an "exam." Twenty-year-old A.C.W. Greta Salter (she'll be a corporal by now) had to write an essay on "The duties of an N.C.O."

"An important thing in an N.C.O. is her poise and bearing as it reflects her character. She should be able to set an example off and on duty. She should be helpful and sympathetic to an airwoman who is in distress. She should be able to control a number of people without losing her temper. To gain confidence of the airwoman for though an N.C.O. is given a certain amount of authority that is not the same as having people look up to you."

Those precepts would fit all right into a civilian world. Marriage! These girls laughed at the question too, and said they weren't interested in marriage.

Well, well, I guess the feeling of self-respect they get from a job they are proud of, the chance to see something of the world, the painless education and cheerful companionship will make a very adequate substitute—until, maybe, the right man comes along.



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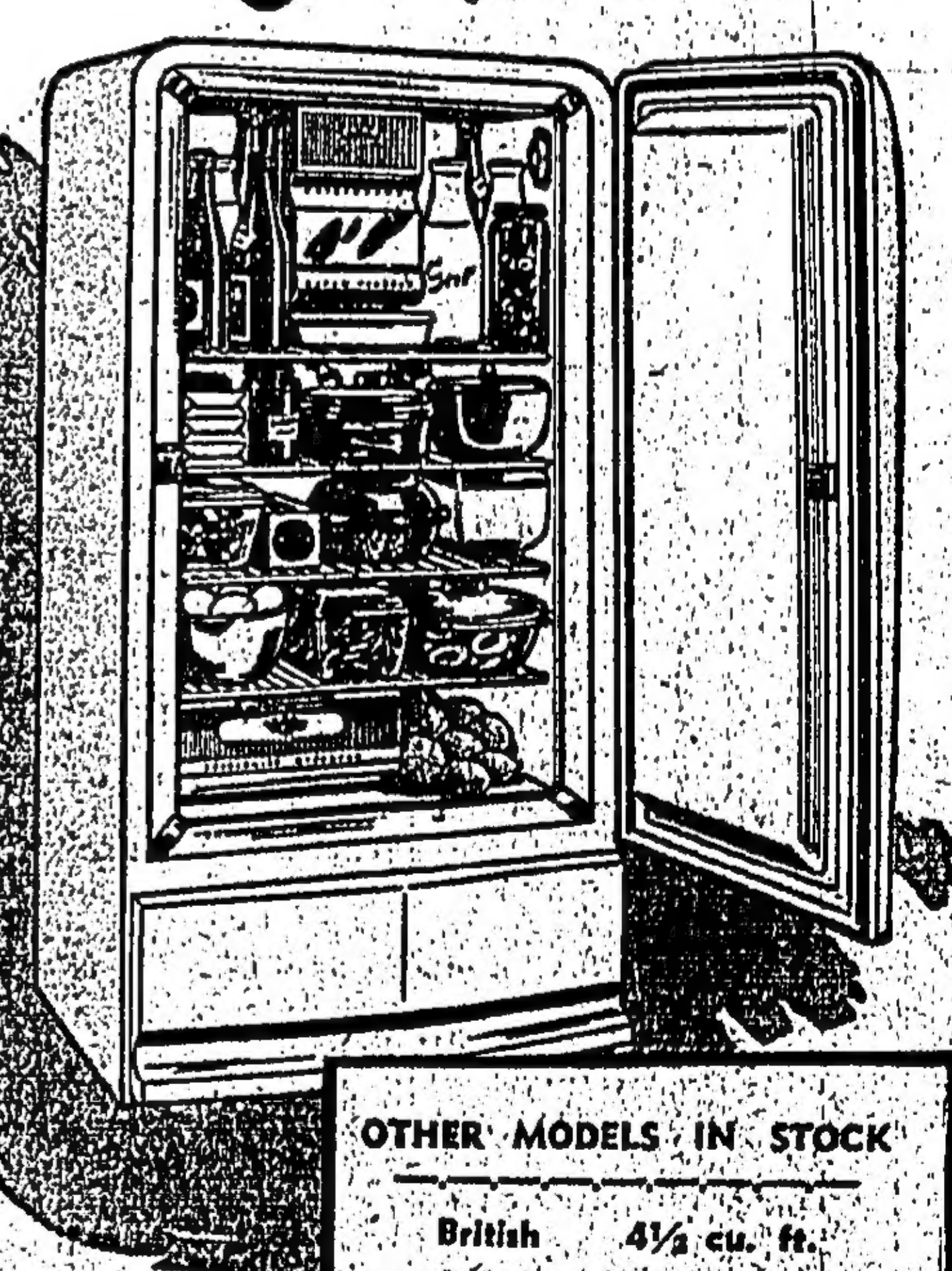
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They Bluffed The Eternal Sea

By WILLIAM POWER

To have won distinction as a seaman commanding great liners in two world wars, and also as a writer, is the achievement of Captain Sir David Bone whose sea classic, "The Dreadnought," has been republished in a revised edition, and whose book on merchantmen in the second world war is about to appear.

That David Bone served his apprenticeship in sail in the 1880's was a piece of singular good fortune, because otherwise there would have been little first-hand record, permanently readable, of Scotland's share in that world of sailing ships that was passing away when, in 1899, Bone signed off in the full-rigged Glasgow ship Lark Ness and "went into steam."

That world, in my youth, was familiar to me at second-hand. My father was a shipmaster, and began his sea life as a cabin boy on the apprentice's deck-house on a famous wind clipper, the Red Jacket. In the old days of hard tack and weevily biscuits, when fists and belaying-pins were

among the instruments of command and "black brought" was number one in a "line-jockey" medicine chest.

My younger brother was an apprentice on the Glasgow sailing ship Murayshire and shared her fate when she vanished somewhere East of Java. I had uncles, cousins, companions who sailed in wind-jammers, some of them rose to command.

I spent whole afternoons mooning about the Glasgow docks. I had bouts of go-freedom, but they were for "lucky finds" and not for "perilous seas" or the life of a sailor. I had heard too much about that, and I was not of the stuff of which "captains courageous" are made.

Rover And Dreamer

My closest friend, who died at 24, was a born rover and dreamer. He had an uncanny faculty for rendering the atmosphere of his strange experiences, so that I almost fancied they had happened to myself. He had gone round the Horn to "frisk" as an "ordinary seaman" in the Glasgow barque Evelyn.

In casual fragments, with subtle shades of accent and character-drawing, he brought alive to me the whole queer world of the old-time seafarer with its hardships, friendships, outlaws, and heroisms, wild scenes, and the incredible conversations of the old shell-backs, big dreamy children to whom "shore" meant chiefly pubs and the emptying boarding-houses where sailors were doped and robbed. The slaves of the cotton plantations in old Dixie were not more thoroughly cheated of life than the great fellows who "bluffed the eternal sea."

As the great story of merchantmen in the world's wars shows, the intrinsic qualities of seamen had certainly not suffered by the passing of sail. Human heroisms reached its summit in the Murrumbidgee convoys.

Yet something was bound to have been lost when machinery took the place of sails and cordage and human hands. Much of the poetry of seafaring had gone. It must have been the unconscious sense of that poetry that, in my young days, made boys mostly "wild" ones, fustled dull urban comfort and "run away to sea."

Edward Gaitens has beautifully described the passion of a Glasgow boy for the noble sailing ship La France. Once I saw her under full sail, it was a wonder sight. She was a white sunbeam on the front of York Minster in moonlight. It was like Faustus's vision of Helen of Troy. Pictures may render the majestic spread of white wings, but not the preying gentle yielding of the waves. Even in her motion there was rest.

Private Lives No. 10—Robert Montgomery

BOB IS NO ORDINARY HERO

By NORMAN PRICE

It may startle the fans of Robert Montgomery to be told he has a brain. He conceals this dubious asset skillfully behind the mischievous blue of wide boyish eyes.

His reward for such deception is a huge income and zealous adoration of half a million women who write for his signed photograph.

But the real Montgomery is not the man they see in films. Listen to him at lunch, watch him work. There is a family resemblance to that magnified face which smiles handsomely from the screen. But nothing more. The real man has a brain like Einstein, a set of moral scruples sharp keen as surgical tools.

When Britain declared war on Germany in 1939 Robert Montgomery abandoned a lush career in Hollywood immediately though his family had been Americans since 1758.

While many Americans patied each other's shoulders, declaring this time they would not be lured into fighting Europe's battles, the Montgomery shoulders were differently employed.

Sank Two Jap Submarines

Upon them were falling the Christmas snowflakes of 1939 in the battlefields of France where he drove an ambulance for England.

Asked why, his answer was: "Because it's a question of what you can do to help." When Paris fell he wanted to get his passport stamped so he could sail to join the U.S. Navy.

Only a few Hollywood heroes fought in that war, even after the United States officially entered it. Montgomery was not only one of them—he was the first of them.

Within five years he wore a bronze star for Normandy gallantry as a naval destroyer commander. His Pacific campaigns were marked with constant stars and speeches. His destroyer guns had battered death to two Jap submarines.

Get him relaxed, and he may eventually talk of such things as one day off the island Espiritu Santo, beyond smoking Guadalcanal, where his ship, the United States destroyer Barton, had been on duty 11 deadly months.

"Share love consisted of landing on a bare, mosquito-infested beach," Montgomery remembers, "drinking a can of warm beer because drink was forbidden on board ship, then stumbling back into the liberty boat to return to the ship again."

His crew were growing morose, quick-tempered. They had spent nearly a year, hooped by a tiny warship's hot steel bulkheads, on the limits of death.

Sunbrowned, fever-shivering Commander Montgomery thought it over. One night he broke into the desolatory mess talk to ask a question. "I don't want an answer for 48 hours," he said.

His officers and crew pricked up their ears. He had the respect of these men. "What's the question, sir?" they asked.

Commander Montgomery reached for a malaria pill. "I want to know," he said, "who is the enemy?"

The men exchanged puzzled glances. But the more they thought, the deeper went the question. For two days the little ship seethed.

Who indeed WAS the enemy? Their Commander waited, a familiar glimmer of mischief in his fever-bright blue eyes.

"After two days," he recalls, "I received a deputation with their reply. The enemy, his crew

had unanimously decided, meant any nation that chose to beat down its political opponents by bullets instead of votes.

From then on the crew of the U.S. destroyer Barton sorted out their own questions. They had begun to think. Their "baby-faced skipper" had stirred something.

He was a good officer, Montgomery.

"He's A Swell Guy"

Thus, when in Grosvenor Square, London, a rushing Fleet-street woman asked a United States Navy job: "Do you ever see anything of that film star—Robert Montgomery?" she got the reply she deserved.

"Lady," said the sailor sternly, "nuts to that film stuff. He's in the Navy now, like me. And that's the way he wants it. He's one swell guy, lady!"

Had Dewey been elected President of the United States, Montgomery would have become assistant Secretary of the Navy in Washington and would have made no more films.

Today, although films are his business again, he is still fighting. One of his best friends is James Cagney. They suit each other. Montgomery founded the Screen Actors' Guild of 50,000 members 10 years ago, resisted attempts of American gangsters to take command of the union with bombs and knives.

Once he rushed at the moguls of Metro-Goldwyn, brandishing his trade union principles like a crusader's axe. Now he owns his own film-production company, chooses his own films, seeks out his own supporting cast.

I watched him one hot day in London recently, interviewing actors for character roles. To each he rose amiably from his seat, shook hands, apologized for bringing them down to Teddington.

"Awfully nice of you to come," he said. "Sorry to bring you down here, but I am so new to things here. And I have to see people." He listened, head cocked slightly, with encouraging smile to details of former film employment.

Took Job As A Laborter

Then, as each applicant departed, he turned, wiped nervous moisture from his fingers. "I hate this," he murmured. "I know what they go through at these interviews."

He does. When he was 10, his father, vice-president of a rubber company, died suddenly, penniless. Bob left his costly school, got a job as railway labourer to keep his mother, then went to sea as a deck-hand. He sought, crowded-work in films to earn dollars between voyages.

Now, 46 years old, he pores on the edge of his presidential chair, browses over documents that lie on his desk in Teddington Studios. Thick brown horn-rimmed spectacles clasp his brow. His hair, glittering with white bristles, is swept back. His lips, pursed with thoughtful gold pencil, he scratches out a line from a story.

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It is a film script of Montgomery's own plot, the story of a friendship between an American and a British. Somebodys, putting up £250,000. Montgomery believes that sum critics' threats to have every word of the shooting script checked before the cast starts assembling on the studio floor, at a cost of more than £2,000 a day.

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ROBERT MONTGOMERY

Bob cricket, cheered him when he turned out for the Little Marlow cricket club.

Montgomery's wife, ex-actress Elizabeth Allen, still sends them food and sweet parcels. She carries her own shopping basket among the village shops at Teddington, in New York State, where they have a two-story farmhouse and two teenage children.

The other mansion at fashionable Bel-Air in California, was made like this. Montgomery was a scale-model built. Every top, every door-knob, even the shazels in the garden. The cost—about £200. "It's cheaper to make alterations on a model," he explained. "I was. His architect decided the model saved about 5,000 dollars on construction costs."

Bob is a good guest. As a recent dinner, his hostess apologized saying: "I am sorry there is nothing but fish—only sole."

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This rubber-stamp apology in the despatching. Puffed-out posture of a profoundly self-critical man. But he is too shy to use it.

Yet he is not without social life. His life, as his physical prowess is an exhausting as a hot pavement. New York (Inquest and... Tennis... Club (exclusive) Links Club (very exclusive; he plays polo, hunts, has a pilot's license, yachts, plays the piano, sings, acceptable tenor, shoots...

The Talk Was—Politics

Chiefs, however, Montgomery talks of politics, using careful phrases. (The concept of a compromise. "The... of the... of London... recent... salubrious... day... back from Teddington... his... Clapham's apartment. He... Bevan's national-health... pulled it to his... back, discussed the stock... demanded to know what... really thought of bureaucracy... He... into the hotel lift... views on the infiltration of Communists into trade unions... In his apartment it took him six minutes to shower and change. He... dressed... his... humble brown leather cigarette-case ("I smoke anything"). It bears his facsimile signature in thin gold. He... about the door... long... upon the privacy of his two rooms, and went out into London to the waiting party ("I hope there isn't too much to drink... two cocktails are the brink of ruin to me"). His wife had flown to Paris, unable to resist the shops. Husband, Montgomery was like a small without its shell in her absence... On the pavement a well-dressed woman touched his coat lapel. "Good luck, Bob. Montgomery!" He bowed slightly, smiled politely. "Thank you, madame!" Then he continued his talk (still politics).

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PYJAMA GIRL'S
DISAPPEARANCE
FROM LINER

London, December 3.

The British government tried today to unravel the mystery of a pretty pyjama-clad girl who vanished from a luxury liner at sea.

The girl, Miss Gwenda McCallum, an Australian, disappeared from the Orient liner Orcaades on the night of October 30 while it steamed through the Tasman Sea from Sydney to Melbourne on the way to London.

The liner docked in London on Wednesday.

The Ministry of Transport held an official inquiry to confirm the shipping company's report that she met "death by disappearance." Its findings will be communicated to the Melbourne police.

Principal witness was Alistair Cameron, a 30-year-old British civil servant in Fiji, who was returning to Britain on the Orcaades for home leave.

Mr. Cameron said he met Miss McCallum at a Sydney hotel just before the boat sailed.

He said she came on board the ship without a ticket and remained "either accidentally or deliberately" until after it sailed. He testified that she had no money and that he paid her fare as far as Melbourne.

Went To Cabin

Mr. Cameron said he accompanied the girl to her cabin that night, lent her a pair of pyjamas and stayed with her until about 1.30 a.m. He had been introduced to Miss McCallum in Sydney by two friends whom he called "a Mr. and Mrs. Mann."

About 2.30 a.m. the same morning that he left the girl's cabin and went to his own, Mr. Mann and a couple of other men he did not know came into his cabin and woke him up.

He said they asked him to come up for a drink and he told them to go away and went to sleep again.

He heard the next day that they went from his cabin to Miss McCallum's but did not know how long they stopped there, he said.—Associated Press.

MR. EDEN
ATTACKS
LABOUR

Bristol, December 2.

Anthony Eden, deputy leader of the Conservative Party, today described the devaluation of sterling as a major economic defeat for Britain.

He warned that devaluation would inevitably mean reduced standards of living for everybody in Britain, and growing unemployment.

He told a meeting at the Central Hall here that the Labour Government is incapable of solving Britain's problems.

Mr. Eden defended the British Press against growing criticism by Labour Government leaders.

"Is it not conceivable that it is they (the Government) who are in the wrong and not the newspapers that criticise them?" he asked. United Press.

THAI MISSION
TO BURMA

Bangkok, December 3.

A Thai goodwill mission to Burma is to leave on December 9.

The mission is headed by the Foreign Minister, Phol Sarasin, and includes the deputy Minister of the Interior, three high Army officers, members of the Thai Foreign Office and seven members of the House of Representatives. United Press.

Expelled MP
To Oppose
Mr. Attlee

London, December 2.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, is likely to be opposed in his Walthamstow, Essex, constituency at the general election, next year by Mr. Lester Hutchinson, one of a group of Labour Members of Parliament recently expelled by the Labour Party.

Mr. Hutchinson has provisionally accepted an invitation by a group of Walthamstow political interests to contest the Prime Minister's seat as a Labour independent candidate.

He told Reuters tonight "that the invitation had come from people who had left the Labour Party in disgust at its policy." They included trade unionists.

A meeting to make his candidature official would be held this month, and he would then explain fully why he is standing against Mr. Attlee.—Reuters.

PI TO
MEDIATE
IN INDIA

Manila, December 3.

Two high-ranking Philippine diplomatic officials have been designated by President Quirino to sit in an international body which will supervise a referendum which will be held next February to settle the territorial conflict between India and France.

They are Salvador Lopez, alternate delegate of General Romulo in the United Nations Assembly, and Lucas Madamba, Foreign Office councillor on political and economic affairs.

The deputation of two was requested by India. The officials are to be in New Delhi next month. —United Press.

SPANISH AS A
UN LANGUAGE

Washington, December 2.

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation voted today, subject to approval at a later plenary session, to include Spanish as a working language when the organisation is established at its permanent headquarters in Rome.

The language resolution adding Spanish to the other two working languages—English and French—was approved in committee. The approval of a plenary session will be required before the decision is binding.—Reuters.

CHRISTMAS TREES
FOR LONDON

London, December 2.

Twelve London areas will have illuminated replicas of the Norwegian Christmas tree in Trafalgar square.

The London County Council has selected 12 sites where Norwegian spruce trees, generously illuminated with fairy lights can be set up over Christmas.

Illuminations will begin in the week before Christmas and the tree will remain lit for two weeks.—Reuters.

POLITICAL STALEMATE
MAY RESULT AFTER
THE NEXT ELECTIONS

London, December 3.

Political quarters in Britain believe that the next Government, whatever its political colour, may have a much shorter life than the present Labour Administration, now over four years old.

In all-party circles today, there is a growing fear that the forthcoming General Election, whenever it is held, may produce a political stalemate which would result in a further dissolution within some 18 months of the new Government taking office.

The major issue of the Election, due any time between now and next July, when the Government's present mandate expires, is fairly clear-cut.

The electorate has to decide whether the Socialists or the Conservatives are best fitted to extricate Britain from her present economic difficulties.

It is, however, recognised that some last-minute political bogey, such as has produced a landslide in the past, may again influence the swing to left or right.

But political quarters feel that such considerations as the Government's record of achievement, or "next five year plans" from either Socialists or Conservatives, are likely to weigh less now than they would in normal circumstances.

Both Socialist and Conservative official quarters are optimistic of victory. But there is no general expectation of a spectacular reversal of the present balance of opposing forces.

A view widely held among political observers is that if there were an election now, Labour would probably "scrape" back into Government with a much reduced majority.

Many Government opponents—and a proportion of its supporters—predict that if Labour waits another six months, until the full effects of devaluation have become apparent, the Party's chances will be considerably reduced.

Ace Card

Labour has a majority of nearly 200 in the present Parliament. No party is expected to achieve a majority of more than about 60 in the next.

The more optimistic sections of the Labour Party say that in spite of sectional public criticism of economic policy and fears that devaluation will push up the cost of living, the Government still has an unbeatable election card in full employment.

They argue that through the whole of the Labour Administration, unemployment has been kept to purely nominal proportions, and that the figure last May, when the economic crisis was reaching a head, was the lowest on record. The number of unemployed was then 264,000—or 1.3 per cent of all insured workers.

"Full employment," and the "rich-and-poor, cradle-to-grave" social insurance schemes, will, in the view of some, prove the Labour Party against a debacle, though they may not guarantee a decisive victory.

Conservatives and Socialists alike recognise that either party may just manage to win the day, with something short of an effective working majority.

It is calculated that a swing of between seven and eight per cent in the total British vote would be sufficient to turn the scales against Labour. That is to say if seven to eight per cent more of the electorate voted Conservative, and the same proportion fewer voted Labour, the Government would be defeated.

Tories On Their Toes

Labour won the 1945 General Election with nearly 12,000,000 votes. The Conservatives and their allies, the Liberal "Nationals," polled nearly 9,500,000 votes. "Orthodox" Liberals, the main Liberal Party, polled over 2,300,000 votes.

Party organisers have devoted the four years since the Election to an intensive round-up of support in the constituencies, and Government followers are the first to say that their work is likely to be reflected in a much bigger Conservative poll at the next Election.

The Conservatives are definitely "on their toes" for a come-back, and if they suffer a defeat it will not be because of apathy among their supporters on polling day.

The big task of the Labour Party now is to infuse its supporters with a like fighting keenness. This has to be done against the background of the frozen wages policy and continued bewilderment over devaluation.

The Trades Union Congress, representing 8,000,000 industrial workers, a large part of Labour's support, has approved the devaluation policy.

Rank and file supporters, however, have to be swung behind the leaders in something more than an acceptance of the inevitable.

Labour's Task

It is generally believed in political circles here that the Conservative election organisation is at the moment geared to a higher pitch of mechanical efficiency than of Labour. But this is a disability which the Labour Party may be able to remedy quickly.

A bigger task, between now and "Election Day," is to inspire Labour supporters with the "keenness" which the Conservatives now claim from their supporters.

No political quarter is prepared to predict the outcome of an election. Deadlock. Parliamentary circles carefully avoid the word "coalition," though sections of the general public speak increasingly of a national situation calling for "a combination of the country's best brains" with power for the first time, has bitter memories of the two previous Socialist administrations of 1924 and 1929-31, which maintained uneasy and short-lived office with Liberal support.

COLONIAL
COMMITTEE
TO STAY

Flushing Meadow,

December 2.

Despite strong opposition by administering Powers, including Britain, the United Nations General Assembly today decided that its Special Committee, which examines information from non-self governing territories, should continue to exist for another three years.

The Assembly also decided by 30 votes to 12, with 10 abstentions, including the United States, that the Special Committee has the right to express its opinion on action taken by the administering Powers who decide that territories are no longer self-governing and stop submitting data.

It also decided that administering Powers must submit information each year on the status of human rights, geography and history. Hitherto, this had been optional.

The Assembly hoped that information on political progress would be included in the annual reports.

It invited administering Powers to give equal educational opportunities without discrimination between Europeans and natives.

Countries voting against giving the Committee wider powers were Britain, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Turkey and South Africa.

Mr. Rao (India) declared, "We must infuse greater vitality into the provisions of the Charter so that millions of people outside the direct supervision of the United Nations, may receive full self-government in the shortest possible period and qualify themselves for direct membership."

"These are the legitimate functions of the General Assembly, which we cannot afford to surrender."

India believed that the Special Committee should be a permanent body, "in fact, a subsidiary of the United Nations." Mr. Rao added, "but we yielded, in a spirit of compromise and agreed to accept the United Nations' proposal for a 'three-years' term."—Reuters.

It is possible that the Liberals, whose present strength in the House of Commons is 12, might again find themselves holding the balance of power.

They will certainly not have enough candidates in the field to give them any real chance of becoming the Government, although they are hopeful of increasing their Parliamentary strength.

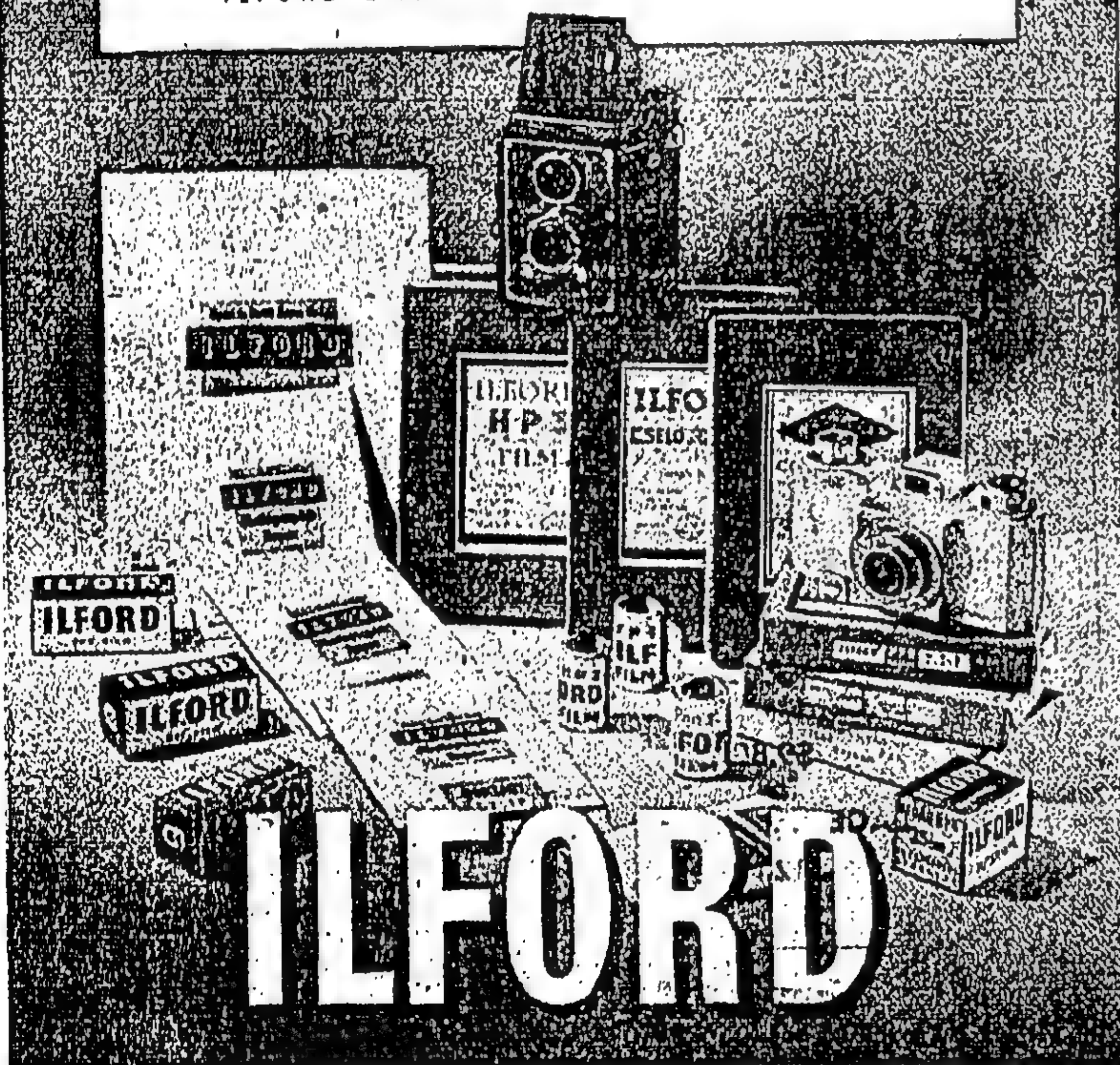
Other political quarters rate the Liberal prospects as poor and there is little real expectation that history will repeat itself in a Parliament with a Labour minority Government dependent for its existence on Liberal support.

Speculation on the possibility of a "National Government" comprising Labour, Conservatives and Liberals is discounted in most well-informed political circles where it is believed that the Labour Party would not again take office without their own majority.—Reuters.

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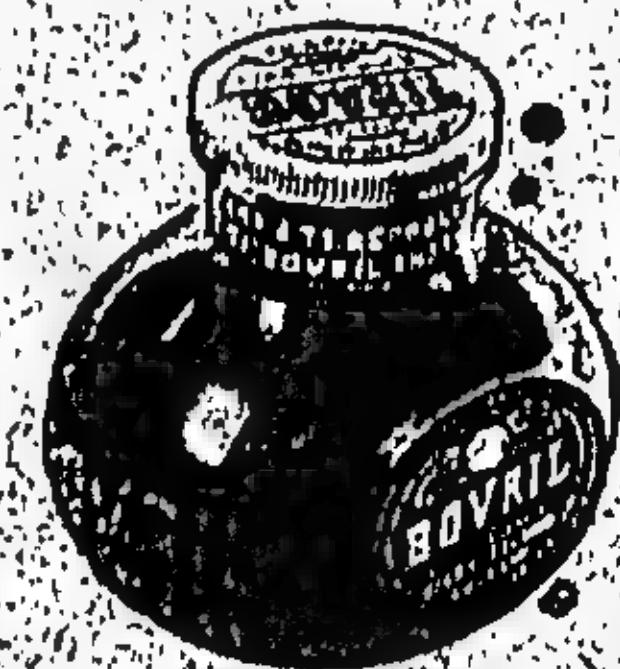
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Fabian Of The Yard—No. 4

ACTOR LED PLOT WHILE PLAYING A CONVICT ROLE

By Supt. ROBERT FABIAN

I was in a Soho night club. It was afternoon. I had just delivered a refresher lecture on licensing laws to the squirming little Algerian proprietor. The sun shone outside, but the air in the gilded cellar was still stale from the previous night's pursuit of happiness. There were no windows.

There was just one customer. He sat at the bar on a red stool, his body hunched dejectedly and his head in his hands.

Just what the Arab (the folk of the underworld would call him) or stranger. I decided Fabian's common trouble and not drinking himself torpid.

I went about to him on the dark bar when I saw a familiar face. He was a Frenchman, a blonde, a handsome, a little more than 40 years old, with a sad, sweet face, his eyes shining with a deep, melancholy love-songs that were fashionable around

Blackmail, he is a specialist. I returned him a double look. "You ought to go to the police," I said. He uttered a brief, bitter laugh. "Police? A court case? Any name in the newspapers? A cross-examination? An expensive lawyer? No, thanks. I think I know an easier way."

"No," he said. "I've paid more than enough already. The more I have the more they demand. I can't pay the money. I can afford that. I suppose this is the last year with this character over me." He gulped his brandy.

"Listen to me! If you go to the police they will get your name. Your name will not be made public."

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I held in my hand a card under his nose. "I am a detective from Scotland Yard. If I had not drifted across you this afternoon the Thames River Police might have drifted across you tomorrow."

He hesitated, then, whispered: "Yes, God forgive me, I'm afraid you're right."

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prise. For he was a well-known Home Counties manufacturer, inheritor of a millionaire family business. He lived in a big mansion about three hours' journey from London. He showed me a photograph of his wife and family.

"We've been married nearly eight years," he said. A couple of years previously he and his wife had quarrelled. Little more than a year later he had business in London, and he stalked off angrily without saying goodbye.

Miserable, angry, he started smoking, alone in London. He drifted into a night-club.

At 11 o'clock a girl little more than 20 years old, with a sad, sweet face, his eyes shining with a deep, melancholy love-songs that were fashionable around

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Our Trap For Mr. P.
We spent what was left of the afternoon with a couple of my plain clothes colleagues, rehearsing at the hotel. I chose a thick pillar to sit behind. The other two detectives were at the next table.

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THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

By PAUL GALLICO

When one takes one's leave after a long and pleasant stay, it is the custom to thank one's hosts.

When this falls beneath your eye I shall again be on the high seas, homeward-bound for America and New York. And in saying goodbye I must express my gratitude to the British for their hospitality and generosity to me during this visit.

I will leave this expression, if I may, in more concrete form in the shape of a kind of list of things, places and people that have contributed to my affection for Great Britain.

He Likes The People
Thus, if some one were to ask me—as they will, when I return to the United States—"What is it exactly you like so much about England?" I might reply somewhat in this manner and length, as long as they would listen to me.

I like the British people and the island on which they live and their way of living on it. I love every inch of London, and I like the countryside, inland and seashore, and the sea that beats up against its rocky shores.

I love the little country pubs, their warmth and fragrance, and the gentle sound of a dart thumping into the board while outside the rain beats on the roof and on down the windows.

And I like to see Westminster Abbey, and Big Ben, St. Paul's and the lovely Christopher Wren churches, Buckingham Palace. The Mall and the green parks.

I love grilled Dover sole, fresh English walnuts, Plymouth gin, and Pimms No. 1, Yorkshire pudding, trifle, steak-and-kidney pie and treacle cake.

Roll Of Merit
I have the softest of spots in my heart for the two giant ships, the Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth, and their crews and staff, for British Customs officers, and for the lucky drivers I meet on the road who invariably show politeness and consideration and wave me on by when it is safe to go.

I admire such scriveners and performers as Arthur Bryant, Beverley Baxter, A. P. Herbert, Nicolas Bentley, James Bridie, Edith Evans, Sybil Thorndike, Mary Merrill, Vivien Leigh and Larry Olivier, Graham Greene, Carol Reed, Dorothy Sayers, Edith Sitwell and Rebecca West. I like J. Arthur Rank.

I shall remember the unfailing courtesy of British tradesmen of the old school in the shops and the kind of friendly, interested service they render, and the integrity of the workman who comes to your home to build, adjust or repair something.

London By Night
When I am back in New York, my mind will return to the way the lights glisten from the pavements on a misty, rainy, London night and shine from the rubber coat of the patrolling P.-C., and to English oysters, with their odd and unforgettable coppery flavour, the smell of English leather, and the feel in the fingers of an English pipe, shop windows lined

with British sporting prints, the paintings of Peter Scott, and the distinctive noise made by the British bus in the process of accelerating.

I love Elizabethan houses, thatched cottages, Georgian Silver, Chippendale, Hepplewhite, Sheraton and Queen Anne furniture, but particularly the Inns, Houses, Spode china, especially the blue dishes depicting English country scenes, English woollens, Captain Molyneux's hats—I don't mean his own private skimmers, but the ones his minions make for ladies—all hotel doormen and all English cats, but particularly the green cats and strays of London.

Things I shan't forget are the bass fishing off Salcombe, in Devon, and Lionel and the Cook, two of the best fishing guides I have ever encountered; Thurlstone Golf Links, an absolute paradise, and in particular the spectacle that greets the player at the 10th green which just out between Albury and the sea.

Nor shall I forget Canterbury, the town and the Cathedral and the touching tomb of the Black Prince, primrose, heather, English flower and rock gardens, and the view from Room 710 in the Hotel Savoy, looking out over the Thames, any day, any time and in any weather.

Crowding In
I wish I had space for all the things that crowd to memory. There would be Simon the cat, and all the guys of the Amethyst, the peculiarly lush green of English meadows, the soft aroma of the Thames, the smell of lavender, the way the British make tea, Bentley, Marlow and the upper Thames driving past a Hunt approaching the rendezvous on a frosty fall morning, the glitter and deadly attraction of Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars—the epitome of luxurious driving—English strawberries and raspberries, the bedside manner of British doctors, Salisbury Plain, the Changing of the Guard, the Pipe Band, and ALL British Puddens.

And railway porters, and the high sense of justice and fair play of the British Courts, the hotels do not gouge you for "service" the way they do on the Continent, for the beauty of the churches and villages of East Anglia, for the A.A. and the R.A.C., London taxi-drivers, barmaids and the new model, sunny British summer, for all these things and for many others as well, my thanks and appreciation on my departure.

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I love Elizabethan houses, thatched cottages, Georgian Silver, Chippendale, Hepplewhite, Sheraton and Queen Anne furniture, but particularly the Inns, Houses, Spode china, especially the blue dishes depicting English country scenes, English woollens, Captain Molyneux's hats—I don't mean his own private skimmers, but the ones his minions make for ladies—all hotel doormen and all English cats, but particularly the green cats and strays of London.

Things I shan't forget are the bass fishing off Salcombe, in Devon, and Lionel and the Cook, two of the best fishing guides I have ever encountered; Thurlstone Golf Links, an absolute paradise, and in particular the spectacle that greets the player at the 10th green which just out between Albury and the sea.

Nor shall I forget Canterbury, the town and the Cathedral and the touching tomb of the Black Prince, primrose, heather, English flower and rock gardens, and the view from Room 710 in the Hotel Savoy, looking out over the Thames, any day, any time and in any weather.

Crowding In
I wish I had space for all the things that crowd to memory. There would be Simon the cat, and all the guys of the Amethyst, the peculiarly lush green of English meadows, the soft aroma of the Thames, the smell of lavender, the way the British make tea, Bentley, Marlow and the upper Thames driving past a Hunt approaching the rendezvous on a frosty fall morning, the glitter and deadly attraction of Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars—the epitome of luxurious driving—English strawberries and raspberries, the bedside manner of British doctors, Salisbury Plain, the Changing of the Guard, the Pipe Band, and ALL British Puddens.

And railway porters, and the high sense of justice and fair play of the British Courts, the hotels do not gouge you for "service" the way they do on the Continent, for the beauty of the churches and villages of East Anglia, for the A.A. and the R.A.C., London taxi-drivers, barmaids and the new model, sunny British summer, for all these things and for many others as well, my thanks and appreciation on my departure.

Roll Of Merit
I have the softest of spots in my heart for the two giant ships, the Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth, and their crews and staff, for British Customs officers, and for the lucky drivers I meet on the road who invariably show politeness and consideration and wave me on by when it is safe to go.

I admire such scriveners and performers as Arthur Bryant, Beverley Baxter, A. P. Herbert, Nicolas Bentley, James Bridie, Edith Evans, Sybil Thorndike, Mary Merrill, Vivien Leigh and Larry Olivier, Graham Greene, Carol Reed, Dorothy Sayers, Edith Sitwell and Rebecca West. I like J. Arthur Rank.

I shall remember the unfailing courtesy of British tradesmen of the old school in the shops and the kind of friendly, interested service they render, and the integrity of the workman who comes to your home to build, adjust or repair something.

London By Night
When I am back in New York, my mind will return to the way the lights glisten from the pavements on a misty, rainy, London night and shine from the rubber coat of the patrolling P.-C., and to English oysters, with their odd and unforgettable coppery flavour, the smell of English leather, and the feel in the fingers of an English pipe, shop windows lined



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CHIOA, To Kathleen, wife of
Robert Chio, at St. Paul's
Hospital on December 3rd, a
son, Both well.

"FROM BULLET TO BALLOT"

These were the words with which President Soekarno described the process now going on in Indonesia, and a great deal depends on how thoroughly and completely it is accomplished. Before this new State in being lie two models, the pattern of India and the pattern of Burma. One illustrates positively, the other negatively, the two major tendencies which have to be reconciled in our time. They are, the passion of the peoples of Asia to be free, and the pressure of all kinds of forces for a closer integration of the modern world. They were reconciled in India, Pakistan and Ceylon. These now run their own affairs, but remain within the Commonwealth. Burma alone stands out, and her plight is not a happy one. It might be unhappier still but for the way in which members of the Commonwealth are ready to help her.

The agreement on the future of Indonesia, different as it may be in detail, also reconciles the two principles of freedom and re-integration. The proposed Union of the Netherlands and the new United States of Indonesia will maintain the oldest political link that still exists between the East and the West.

Whether this link will endure will depend on events in Indonesia itself. The native Sultans alone remain of the heritage from the dim past. Indonesia is a wholly new field for the practice of democracy. Nobody will venture a confident prediction as to how the people will respond to their new and vast responsibilities. But one small item in a recent cable, telling of the improved situation in Java, was most promising. It said that planters in the troubled area of Sukabumi maintained close relations with the Republican Army and co-operation all round was excellent. That is a change indeed.

The Federal solution does offer a fairly solid guarantee against any such dissolution of State authority as occurred in China during the heyday of the Tachans, when the Central Government was merely an empty title and the provincial satraps, rising often from simple banditry, acted more or less as they pleased. The disorders of the past three years indicated such possibilities. The young people are excitable and impulsive—the extreme Muslims are fanatical and violent. But if the new Indonesian Government is ever seriously challenged, that challenge will come from the Communists and those who think and act like them.

The Indonesians have not got all they wanted, but they have all the essentials of freedom and independence. Their country is truly theirs to do with what they will. Dutch experience and technical skill will be available, but the Indonesians will be the judge of how much of this help they need. But that has never deterred the Communists, who have repeatedly tried to sabotage the national movement of liberation.

Happily, the present Indonesian Government, led by President Soekarno and Dr. Hatta, has great prestige. It has put up a long and determined fight for the cause of

NEW GERMAN MENACE

The Germans, in their own words, have won 80 per cent of what they wanted. That is a lot. It is too much for a Germany which is mainly unregenerate, as we all know.

The new agreement with the West German Government has been received with great satisfaction in London—at least, that is the official hand-out. I do not share the enthusiasm, and will say exactly why. I believe that many will share my views.

There is no inherent harm in conciliation even in appeasement. There may be Christian virtues. All depends on whom you appease, and to what extent, and whether you get an adequate return.

In previous appeasements, we got scraps of paper. We are getting only promises today.

Wait And See Now

Will they hold? We must "wait and see." The die is cast, but the record can inspire no confidence.

Some of the promises ring hollow. No one can expect us to believe that Germany does not want an army. Has a miracle occurred in her young men? Of course not. The traces of nationalism and militarism abound among them. Dr. Adenauer seems to indulge in wishful thinking.

We are to trust the Germans themselves to dismantle and denazify. There are advantages in ridding ourselves of these distasteful and essential tasks; but can the Germans be trusted to carry them out fully?

In present form the answer is in the negative. We must not get into the attitude of "crape-hanging"; neither must we deceive ourselves.

The truth is that policy toward Germany has lately been made in Germany rather than in the Foreign Office, State Department, or Quai d'Orsay. I prefer it to be home made.

The Allies have given way to pressure. The question is how far have they gone? A long way. That way is only bad in parts: some of it, indeed, is good, and much of it is inevitable. Unfortunately, the bad parts may be the most important.

Time cannot stand still, and progressive concessions to Germany were not only indicated but advisable. We have, however, gone too fast from the start—except in dismantling—latterly under impulse from Washington.

Must Chance It

Germany is already in the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, and entering the Council of Europe. In the

latter capacity she will have, if so disposed, opportunities for mischief-making in a still much divided Western Europe. We must chance that now.

Germany is to participate in all "international organisations"

By LORD VANSITTART

through which German experience and support can contribute to the general welfare. That is saying a lot.

Though the new agreement increases a pace already precipitate, some of its features are positively welcome. It is all to the good that Germany should apply for membership of the International Authority of the Ruhr, and co-operate with the Military Security Board.

There is no objection to the demand for re-establishment, through accredited representatives, of consular and commercial relations with other countries. On the contrary, this is proper and timely.

Times Can Show

It is praiseworthy, too, that Germany "will take legislative action in the field of decartelisation." I trust that this will be effective. Time alone can show.

Big Business is still strong in Germany, and her present Government is not a solid one, though an uneasy suspicion that it may be the best that we shall get.

Germany now obtains greatly extended powers of shipbuilding. There is no limit to the number of small ships. She regains the right to build ocean-going ships.

Limits are set on size and speed; but she may acquire or construct, before December 31, 1950, six special ships exceeding these limits. By how much?

This last concession is a considerable departure from our first firm intentions; but I do not quarrel with it.

Having thus taken a reasonable view of these clauses, I claim the right to criticise the next with vehemence. Dismantling is to cease on a number of plants vastly important to any war-potential.

The annual ceiling for German steel-production has been fixed at 11,000,000 tons. When I look at the disquieting list of massive steelworks now replete, I do not believe that it will stay there. We are on a bolder slide. Let the world have no illusions.

I select a convincing example apart from the agreement. I pointed in the House of Lords against the British Government's decision to readmit Germans to control of civil aviation—the old German training school for military flying.

COMMONWEALTH IN THE EAST

Obvious interest attaches to the Conference of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers which is to be held in January at Colombo on the invitation of the Government of Ceylon.

In an age of air travel Ceylon is a particularly central meeting-place—nearer than Great Britain for all the Commonwealth Governments except the British and the Canadian. The attendance should therefore be good, and Mr. Bevin told Parliament last week that he will personally lead the United Kingdom delegation.

When it became obvious to the public after the war that there would be no more Imperial Conferences, the substitute method of continuing co-operation were put forward. One was day-to-day consultation upon foreign affairs between London and all the Commonwealth Governments; the other was the holding of special conferences for special purposes from time to time.

The first is said to be working now on a more extended scale than ever before; but the second has not developed until recently. An example of it was the conference of Commonwealth Finance Ministers held last July. The cynic might comment that that conference heard Sir Stafford Cripps's most emphatic denial of

serves. No negotiators have been more tenacious, and in the end they won over a group of able and liberal-minded Dutch leaders who were prepared to risk their whole careers in seeing this thing through to final agreement.

Thus a new State of 70 millions is about to be created, whose influence upon its neighbours is bound to be considerable. The transfer of sovereignty and authority will involve many difficult problems. There is bound to be continuous criticism from some of the political parties. But the future will be dependent less on what is said in the political forcing-house at Jogjakarta than on what is done in the countryside, where guerrilla warfare and terrorism have prevailed so long. There has been remarkable economic recovery lately, but full prosperity can come only with genuine peace and order under an effective and stable Government. There is no going back—the future belongs to the Indonesian people to make or mar.

The Colombo Talks

The Colombo Conference illustrates the increased importance of the Foreign Office in the latter-day working of the Commonwealth. In the early years of this century the Dominions had no Foreign Ministers of their own, and their international relations were conducted, with very few exceptions, through the Colonial Office.

The first world war led to the institution of the separate Do-

By SCRUTATOR

minions Office, which, in July 1917, became the Commonwealth Relations Office. Representing, as it does, the conception that the Dominions are not merely foreign nations with which we happen to be on specially friendly terms, but members of a permanent family with a far-reaching community of traditions and aims, it is desirable that, under whatever name, it may continue.

Nevertheless, the world situation being what it is today, foreign policy is bound to take an increased place in any Commonwealth agenda. And the Foreign Office, in whose hands are our relations with the United States and with Western Europe, must increasingly be concerned in Commonwealth relations also.

Besides a team from his own department, it is understood that Mr. Bevin will take with him experts from the Treasury, and that the former top-level on the agenda will be that of a peace treaty with Japan. American policy in the Far East is now working towards such a treaty, the development of Japan as the pillar of democracy and Western East of Singapore.

Probably General MacArthur had some such possibility before him from the beginning; but its vogue in America has become greatly extended since the ignominious collapse of Kuomintang China, which had previously been cast for the port.

It would imply a large-scale revival of Japan as a manufacturing and exporting nation. In some degree that is inevitable, unless the Japanese people are either to be starved or else to be kept alive by American charity. The disproportion of population to cultivable area is greater in Japan than anywhere else in Asia, and her numbers are going up annually by leaps and bounds. But her industrial revival is not a simple proposition.

She has virtually no coal or raw materials of her own; and whereas before the war her heavy industries—iron, steel, engineering, shipbuilding and armaments—were developed on a very large

The Government admitted German participation as to 60 per cent. The real figure is nearer 75 per cent, and the German claim 100 per cent. This head, all readers, of this folly! It may not stand alone.

Worse still, the Germans, by Article 8 of this agreement, retain their synthetic oil and rubber plants. The one thing on which we were all agreed, during the war, was that, in the interest of security, these industries must not be re-established. Though they may begin by making only soap, how long would that last? What I said before I say still: but the Allied Governments have eaten their words—a most expensive and indigestible dish.

For Rearmament?

Let us at least be thankful for what we have not received. There is no provision for the rearmament of Germany; indeed, the nation has been loudly disclaimed in all the Allied capitals.

But it exists. I have found it in high and influential circles. There were distinct traces of it in a recent Defence debate in the House of Lords.

The notion is much stronger in the United States, whose policy tends steadily to strengthen both Germany and Japan.

There is an American talk of letting Germany have an army, uncapitulated in number, without an armament industry. There is more of giving her a fully equipped army of five divisions.

I am appalled that anyone should think these illusory limitations would "stick," once we had madly given way on the principle of keeping Germany disarmed.

The remedy for panic about Russia is not to panic about Germany. Yet that is what has been happening. These appeasements have given their origin in fear of an alleged German tendency to look East, which neither exists nor is possible at present.

Giving Ideas

Yes, we have gone far and quickly. There are disturbing resemblances between present events and those of the inter-war period. Let us hope that the optimism of our negotiators may be justified, but there is little in the situation that justifies it, and the sense of democracy in Germany is still dim.

The Socialist leader, Dr. Schumacher, offensively reproached Dr. Adenauer for his success in landing this agreement. The stupid aggressor was put out of the Chamber.

Dr. Adenauer has deserved well of his countrymen; but we, in yielding to their clamour—as in the past—may again have "put ideas in their heads."

Why Stalin Keeps The Peace

By EARL WINTERTON, M.P.

The British government's timid policy in the months following devaluation has not dispelled the dangers of financial and economic disaster within the next year.

Further, the crisis has tended to make the public forget temporarily the other great danger to the nation—the continued tension between Russia with her satellites and the Western world on both sides of the Atlantic.

Here are some facts which should be realised by every thinking person, whatever his or her political views. I exclude the Communists from this category, because they don't think. They only act as their Soviet masters order them to do.

Russian Strength

At the worst period of Anglo-German relationship before either war, there were never such virtual public recriminations between German Ministers and ours as in other "Iron Curtain" countries display a weakness in his confederation patent to all the world.

Thus I believe that the chances of an eventual genuine agreement between the two mighty opposing forces of Communism and Western democracy, on the lines advocated by Mr. Churchill, to refrain from attacking each other externally and internally, are still reasonably good.

It is more likely to be reached if we make Western military integration of effort a reality. Indeed, Western Union is a liability and not an asset without it.

The present credit and debit side of Western military defence may be described as follows:—

Army Respected

The fact that Britain, under a Socialist Government, containing many former pacifists, has continued conscription in peacetime with the full support of Mr. Churchill and the Conservatives has had a very good effect upon Western European public opinion.

It is together with the presence of United States troops in Europe, helped to induce the smaller Western powers to discard their traditional peace-time neutrality, which has had such tragic results in the past, and co-operation in defence with France and ourselves.

The British Army of the Rhine, by its discipline, bearing and physique, commands respect from friend and foe.

The young, new French Army is keen and, with American weapon aid, should be very formidable in a year or so.

The prestige of the British and U.S. Air Forces is tremendous, and in the background are their respective Navies.

An Eisenhower?

But it is not easy, even in war, to integrate a mixture of national military forces. It is infinitely harder in peace-time.

It needs a man of Eisenhower's qualities to do it—great determination joined to extreme patience, willingness to make allowances, and avoidance of causing offence.

Perhaps, when the term of office of the present occupants of high command in Western Military Defence ends, as it will shortly do, such a man will be found. His discovery will have to be the provision of weapons, which American aid is to supply to our Allies.

Finally, whether we relish the fact or not, the relationship of Western Germany to Western Union and defence will have to be settled very shortly. To leave it in doubt is to encourage aggression from both sides of the "Iron Curtain."

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BRITISH VIEWS ON RECOGNITION ISSUE STEP BASED ON FACT, NOT ON SYMPATHY PRIMARY CONSIDERATION

Lake Success, December 2.

Britain told the United Nations Political Committee today that recognition of the Communist regime in China must be based on fact and not on sympathy.

Mr. Lawrence Stone, the British delegate, said that Britain is opposed to the proposal of Nationalist China that all United Nations members withhold diplomatic recognition of the Communists.

China has accused the Soviet Union of aiding the Communists and has asked the United Nations General Assembly to find the Soviet Union guilty of violating the United Nations Charter and her treaty of friendship with China.

At the request of Dr. T. T. Tsiang, the Chinese delegate, who said that he is awaiting fresh instructions from his Government, the Political Committee deferred any voting on the issue until next Monday.

On the question of recognition, he said that the British Government would be prepared to support the Chinese people in an effort to preserve their national interests.

The British Government's policy is based on the fact that the Chinese people are entitled to self-determination and that the Government of China is the only one which represents the Chinese people.

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Canton-Hankow Railway To Be Restored

San Francisco, December 2. The Chinese Communist radio announced tonight that rail traffic between Canton and Hankow will be restored by the end of this year.

This will link the South China Port with the Central China industrial and economic centre from where the Hankow-Peking Railway runs North.

The 1,200-mile Canton-Peking road is China's main North-South rail traffic artery. It suffered considerable damage as a result of the civil war.

With the resumption of Canton-Peking through-traffic, it becomes theoretically possible to travel by train from Hong Kong to Calcutta.

—United Press.

WAVES AS CLUE TO MURDER

London, December 2.

Two doctors who have experimented with the brains of 64 murderers recommended today that a new wave-recording machine should be officially used to tell whether a murder has been committed in cold blood or hot temper.

The doctors are Dr. Fred Taylor, Medical Officer at London's Brixton Gaol, and Dr. David Stanford Clark, a psychiatrist.

Their report on the experiments, published by the British Medical Association, tells how the machine picks up minute electric charges continually given off by brain tissue and records them as waves on a chart.

Of the murderers they tested, nearly all those who killed for a violent motive had normal waves.

Over 70 per cent of the murderers who killed on sudden impulse with little or no motive had abnormally shaped waves.

The commonest abnormality is a special type of wave called the theta wave. Most children up to the age of four produce theta waves when annoyed. They disappear as the child learns self-control.

Adults who still have them are likely to commit crimes of violence when even slightly annoyed.

One murderer listed in the report strangled his sweetheart for no apparent reason and then told the police he was found to have abnormal waves.—Reuter.

CONFERENCE IN SE ASIA

London, December 2.

The Burmese Foreign Minister, U. E. Maung, disclosed in an interview with Reuter in London tonight that a conference of South East Asian countries concerned with the defence of their democratic integrity and sovereignty is likely to be held in February.

U. E. Maung was about to leave by air for Rangoon on his way back from the United Nations General Assembly at Lake Success.

U.K. Recognition Of Peking In Next Few Weeks

London, December 2.

Informed sources predicted today that British recognition of the Chinese Communist regime will be announced in two or three weeks. They said the decision on recognition is not in any way dependent on the adjournment of the United Nations General Assembly.

Its timing was generally agreed upon in consultation with other Commonwealth members.

"It was agreed that further delay in recognition would be a pointless gesture," the informed sources said. At the same time, they said that recognition must not be taken as signifying the British Government's approval of the new regime in China.

They said, "No Commonwealth member has any illusions about the diplomatic consequences of the recognition. When we have recognized the Peking Government in two or three weeks' time we do not expect any immediate changes of the Chinese Communist policy towards the British interests in China."

The informed sources said the British Government is opposed to any suggestion that Communist domination of China means permanent loss of free contact with the Chinese people.

They said, "We must not let the people of China feel they have been abandoned by their old friends. We must keep in touch with them by every means at our disposal and diplomatic recognition would result in direct contact."

"Such contact will undoubtedly be restricted but it would

Actor Led Plot While Playing A Convict Role

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Along the cramped little stone corridors, back-stage, was Lester's dressing-room. I knocked on the green wooden door, and entered. Lester's face was grime-stained. A small wig embellished his sparse hair. He was fully dressed in a convict suit. Also, on a peg alongside him, hung a police uniform, buttons glittering.

I told him what I wanted. His make-up seemed to change hue, as if it were smeared on a white-washed wall. "But I've got to give my performance!" he said weakly. He did not deny the charge. I told him he had best get his understudy.

Tried To Swallow A Clue

He nodded—then snatched at a letter and thrust it into his mouth. I grabbed him. We struggled. Powder-boxes exploded like pink and white bombs. Bottles and make-up jars crashed, and shattered.

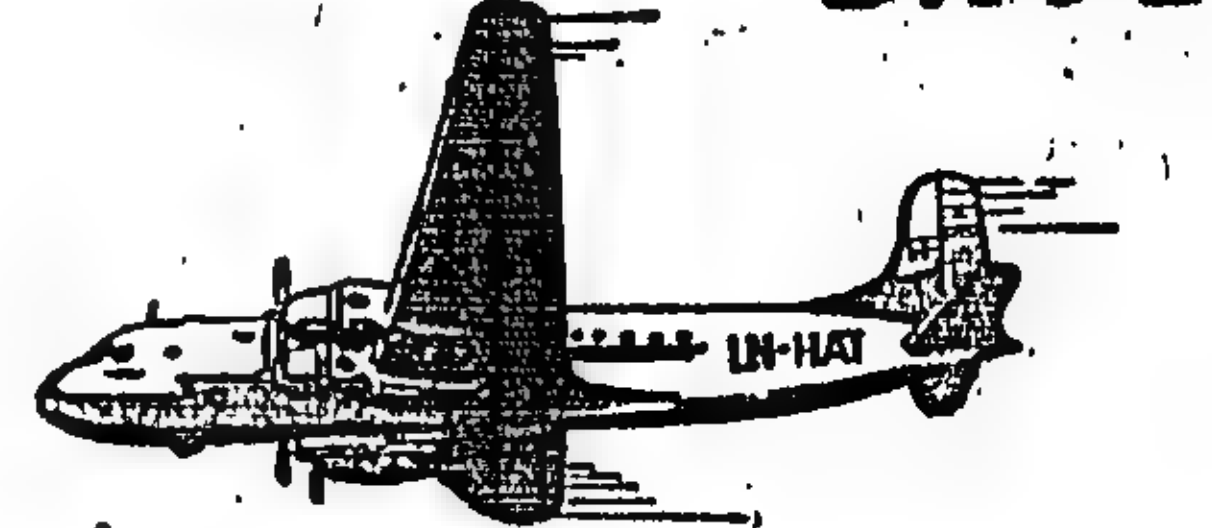
We rolled among it all. By the time I had subdued him, salvaged the letter, moist and bloodstained from his gashed mouth and my chewed fingers, the tiny dressing-room looked like an overturned box of assorted paints.

Then the door opened. It was the understudy, eyes wide. I was sealed on the unfortunate Lester's chest. We were both panting, dishevelled. The understudy completely ignored this amazing scene, stopped over my sprawled, rumpled, sweat-soaked Lester, who lay spread-eagled on the floor.

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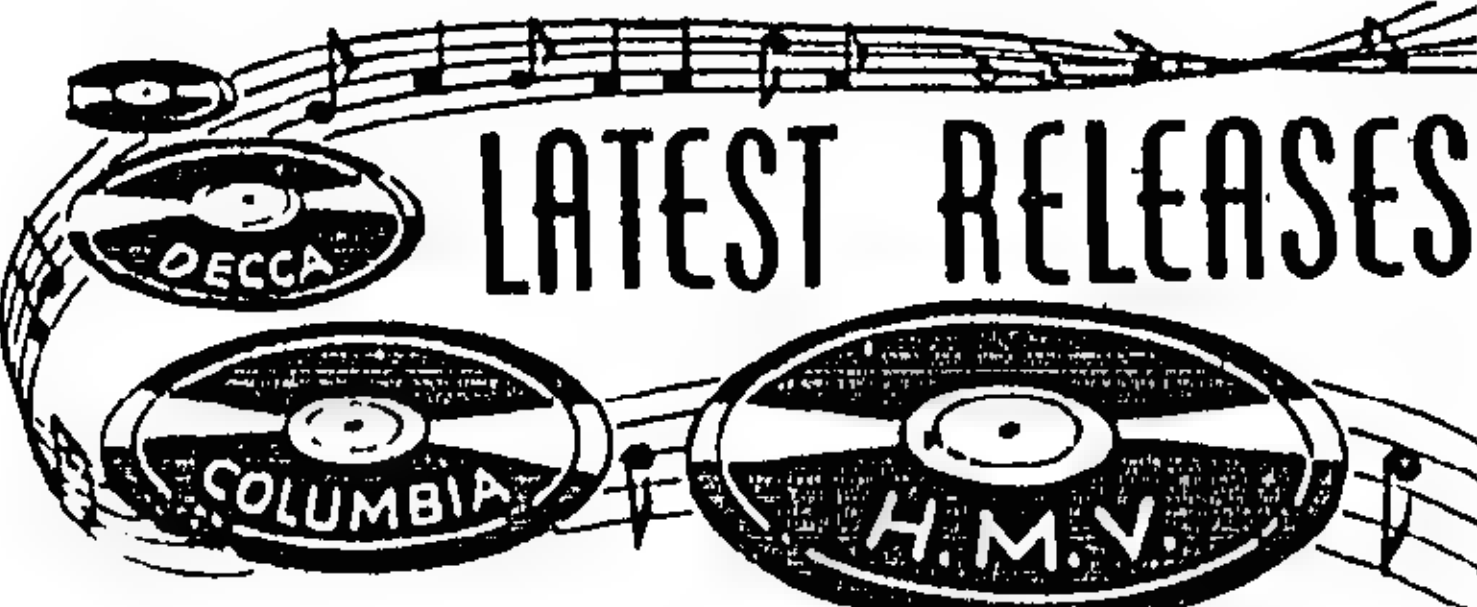
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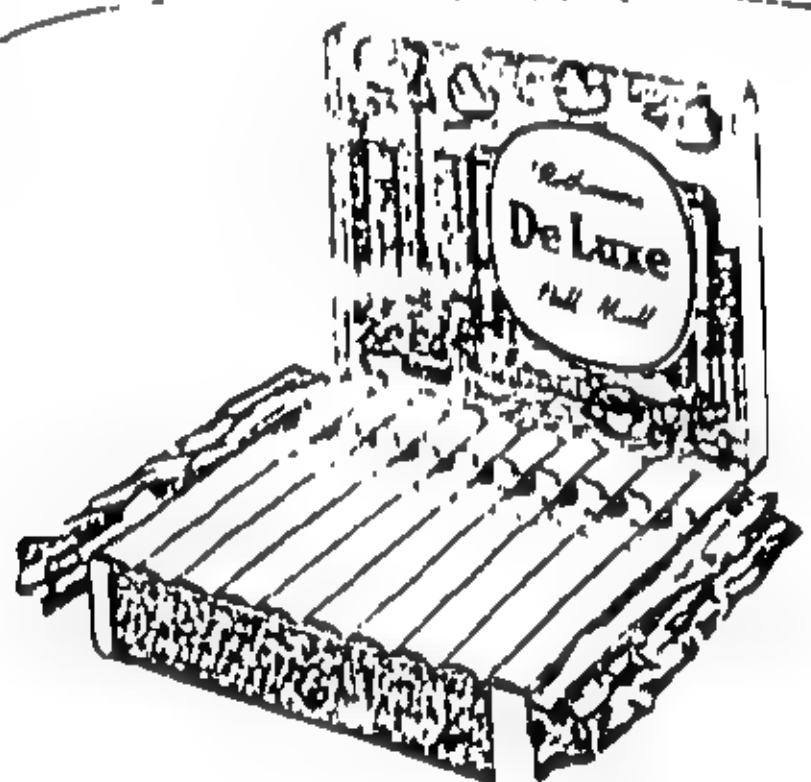
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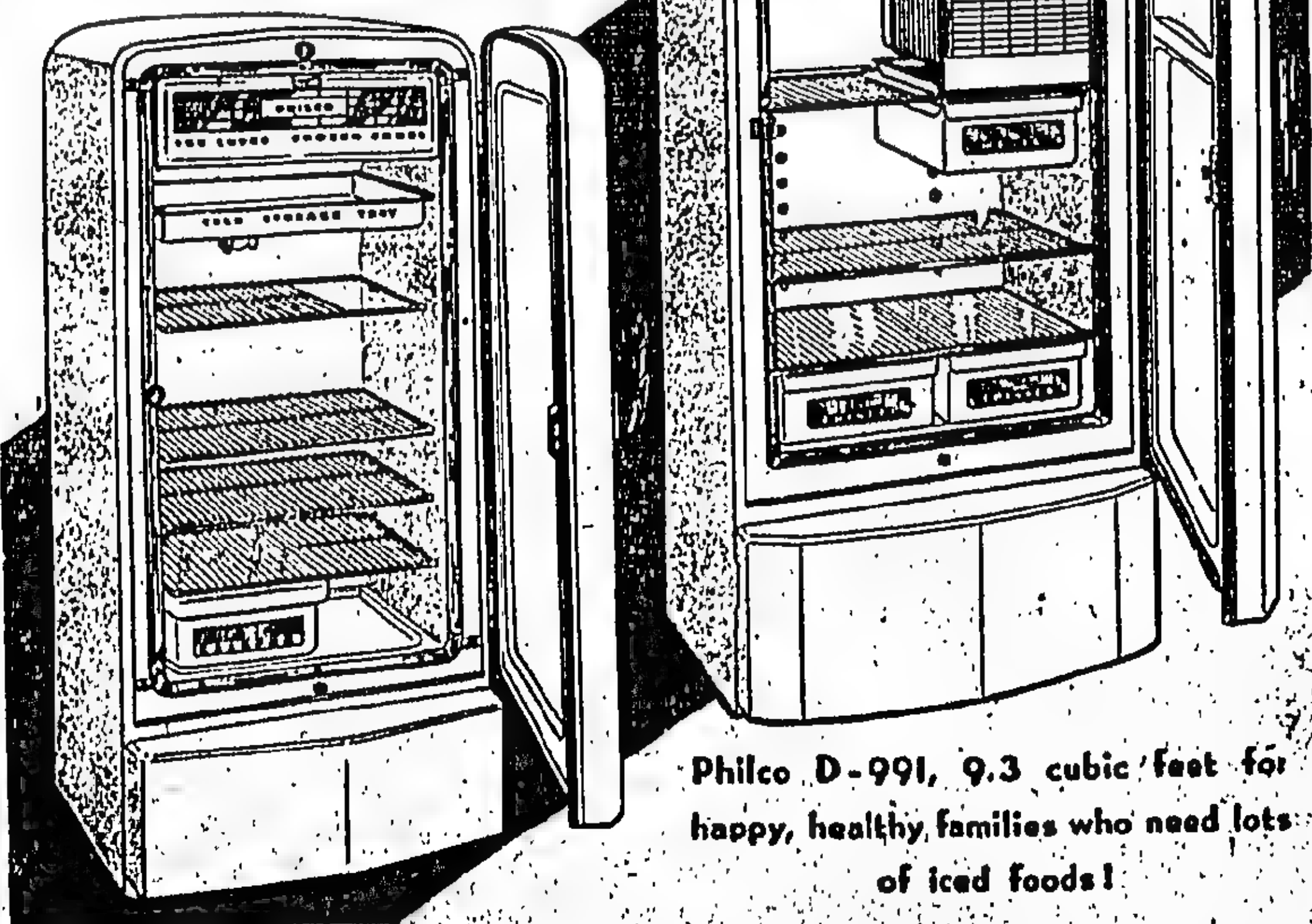

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That Election Date

Thursday, February 23, is now mentioned as the most likely date for the general election. I find a general disposition in the lobby of the House of Commons to accept this date. The forecast is based partly on the assumption that a Saturday poll has been ruled out because of the surge of football interest which may be expected in February. Hitherto the speculation has related to both February 23, and March 2. One definite circumstance which seems to rule out the latter date is the arrangement for the State visit to London of President Auriol of France, and Madame Auriol in the week beginning March 6. Such a visit could only be staged if the Government which results from the election has already settled itself in office. The President and his wife will be the guests of the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace and there will be a State Banquet and ball.

First Since 1939

This is the first visit by a French President since March 1, 1939, when President and Madame Lelaurin stayed at Buckingham Palace following the visit of the King and Queen to Paris as their guests the previous year. When President Vincent Auriol comes to Britain, he will bring with him an invitation for the King and Queen to visit France, official French sources here say. The President is unlikely to suggest a specific time, but he will probably suggest that it be done in the summer. It is expected that the President will be accompanied by his wife, and that they will be accompanied by a large party of French officials. The visit will be private, taking the form of a conducted tour.

Royal Visit

On Thursday, December 8, the King and Queen, who are patrons of the British and Foreign Trade Society, will pay their first visit to Bible House, the London headquarters of a society which the society's work is directed.

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Rayon Report

The findings of at least one more of the British Industrial "quiz teams" which have crossed the Atlantic to study American methods is likely to appear before Christmas. The Rayon text, which has been compiled by the Anglo-American Productivity Council's London headquarters and is now with the printers.

It is expected to show that, while man for man the home industry is up to this country's standard, the American have definite advantages in power and mechanical aids. They have longer production runs, as they have a less varied market, for which to cater, and with a working in four shifts, three-quarter shift, almost exactly the reverse of the position here, three shifts are worked.

The Mighty Atom

Hitherto the international situation has concentrated too much attention, perhaps, on the military developments of atomic energy.

Its comparison, relatively little progress has been heard of the rapid progress now being made in developing atomic energy for peaceful ends.

The latest move in this country is the plan to erect an atomic plant near Chester, with the object of producing marine engines driven by the new power.

Though the first experiment will be with atomic-driven warships if these are a practical success we shall eventually have our own ocean liners similarly propelled. It is even hoped that atomic engines may form one section of the 1951 Festival of Great Britain. Exhibition.

Moonshine

In this connection, it may seem not inappropriate to critics of the Festival that one of the main attractions for visitors is to be sightseeing the moon.

The old Shot Tower, familiar landmark on the South bank of the Thames and gallant survivor of the blitz, is to be transformed into a "radio telescope". By just pressing a button you will have the satisfaction of sending radio waves to that romantic satellite, and observing on something like a television screen the rebound waves.

Also being planned, as part of the Thames South bank programme is a huge concert hall, and a Dome of Discovery, nearly 100 feet high and 365 feet in diameter, claimed to be the largest in existence.

Bad To Worse

Looking at things from a purely scientific point of view, it has been suggested that some of Hitler's bombs did a good job of work in London when they razed old rotund-infested buildings whose demolition was long overdue.

Now, however, almost five years after Germany's last air attacks the majority of bombed sites look much the same today as they did then, possibly with

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the exception of fine crops of weeds.

One or two sites in the City have been transformed into miniature gardens with seats, lawns, and flower beds, but in the suburbs it is a different story. Old prams, rusty car-bodies, tumbled cello frames and other rubbish provide the only ornaments.

Now there is another development in the occupation of bombed plots by mobile fried fish shops. This all frees "dining" from newspapers is not pretty, and passers-by have also to tolerate an unmitigated odour of frying oil and vinegar.

Zither Man

There is in London at this moment a small, mild-looking, slightly greying man who appears to be astonished at all the things.

His name is Anton Karas. He is not a citizen. He is in fact, from Vienna, where he is scarcely known at all. But now, next to Mr. Churchill, he is probably the most sought-after, the most celebrated figure of the hour.

What has Mr. Karas done? Mr. Karas has written a tune. He is the composer and chief exponent on his zither, of the "Harry Lime Theme"—a haunting little piece of music—introduced by Carol Reed, the film director, as background music for his thriller "The Third Man"—but destined, so it seems from the Londoners, to rock the country like a plague of the German measles.

We have had this kind of "popular success" before. I know. What makes his melody different is that the author is being excited simultaneously with his music. And he can hardly believe it.

Like A Fiddle

Karas keeps protesting that really this is just an old and quite ordinary bit of zither music that has been running in his head for 10 years. He wrote it while the film was played over to him, was famous the day the film was released, rich the next.

He is astonished. No heart-breaking interviews with publishers, no wasted genius, no poverty. A tune in his head—and fame!

"The zither," he keeps saying, "There is nothing very remarkable about it. Why, they are as common as fiddles in Vienna." But the Londoners are not to have his ardent cooled with this mundane comparison. Karas and his music are common meeting-ground for all sorts and conditions of men.

As Before

There are a great many careful observers of contemporary history who are in complete agreement with Field-marshal Lord Wavell's expressed opinion that the Germans are still a more formidable danger to Europe and the world peace than the Russians.

Lord Wavell comments that "they do not seem to have changed much." This is borne out by the reports of practically every Allied observer who has had close contact with even West-Germans, and is for from discounted by the speeches and attitude of these Germans to whom control in Western Germany has now been largely handed over.

Not for the fact, recently disclosed that actually the latest official German stamp imprinted on visitor's passports and other documents bears a microscopic but still distinguishable swastika emblem, without its startling significance.

War Souvenir

On its way to Britain in a British destroyer is a strange war relic. It is a painting, but its canvas is metal bulkhead, weighing 650 lb., torn from the former German battleship Tirpitz.

When Norwegian shipbreakers began dismantling the Tirpitz at the shipbreaking yards at Tromsø, they discovered a painting in one of the engine-rooms. It depicted the Tirpitz and a German U-boat, both flying the Nazi flag, and an inscription reading "Gegen England" (Against England).

The shipbreakers decided that this might provide a suitable souvenir for the Royal Air Force.

Popular Ambassador

Mr. Lewis Douglas, the American Ambassador, taking his family home for Christmas. No family deserves a holiday more, for they have all of them—the Ambassador, Mrs. Douglas, and their popular and attractive young daughter, Shurman—done probably more than they know for their own country and ours during the last year.

There have been times when on all levels considerable misunderstandings and little agitations have threatened the Anglo-American friendship. The trouble does not always come from the level of the State Department and Westminster. It is often between Broadway and the West End, and not infrequently between a G.I. and a "fly boy" in Scotland.

In a way that is not always definable, the Douglas family have been here all the time and made all these frictions seem unimportant. The Ambassador has no doubt done much in the more trusted atmosphere of professional diplomacy, but it is as a happy family unit that they are known here and allowed to stand proxy for all that we admire in Americans.

"Human Diplomacy"

It is, of course, quite typical that Shurman should be almost as popular as her father, certainly as well known. Until recently she has been studying at a sectarian college in Kensington. Now she has finished and she is seen about a great deal more, both with her mother in the quiet, bewildering list of social engagements which the family manage to undertake, and as a guest and hostess to members of the Royal Family.

Mrs. Douglas, a handsome woman, with a soft and pleasant American accent, holds monthly meetings at the Embassy in Princess Gate for wives of Embassy officers. From these sessions have grown the informal speaking bureau of wives who address Women's Institutes throughout the country.

She has also initiated teen age and games clubs and children's parties, and entertains a great deal of bring together members of the American and other Embassy staffs and their wives. When she returns she will take a leading part in the planning, and this she loves to do herself in typical American fashion—of a campaign for the infantile Paralysis Fellowship funds.

Diplomacy, one feels, would be the better for more of this emphasis on the human side of the job.

Christmas Buying

Christmas has come into the news much earlier than usual. Already Christmas shopping has begun in real earnest throughout the West End of London, where most of the stores have bazaars in full swing. This year they and the shopkeepers are able to offer a much wider range than at any time since the war. Normal Christmas fare seems to be in abundance, though for above prices. Ships now arriving in London docks are loaded with delicacies from many parts of the Empire, as well as from Greece and Turkey. Australia has made a big effort to give Britain a bright Christmas by sending 1,500 tons of turkeys, 1,500 tons of other poultry, and 2,000,000 rabbits.

But the assertive process had been accompanied by a dangerous weakness, on which that great political thinker, Lord Acton, laid a finger.

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A politically strong and united Scotland would not have had its Parliament flung away in 1707. It would have had no Jacobite intrigues, no Clearances, no destruction of forests and other national assets, and it would have taken measures to guard its economic and social framework.



That's right! Just you all over! Always have the last say! Never let me get a word in edgeways! Nag, nag, all the time! And furthermore—

**Scots Are Still
Talking About
HOME RULE**
By WILLIAM POWER

As I sat in the Scottish National Assembly and listened to spokesmen of various bodies, I thought of Scotland's four-century record of divisiveness—the strangest in all history—and of what historians have said about it.

The first great division was common to most of Christendom. In the characteristic series that followed, the religious, ecclesiastical, and political were inextricably mingled.

The conflicts between Presbyterians and Episcopalians, eventually in a war bloodier than had raged over the Catholic Mary Stuart. Out of its last flickers came Jacobitism and Cameronianism and Macmillanite sects.

Then came an intricate delicate tangle of bifurcations and reunifications.

"Relief" kirks, Burghers and Anti-Burghers, Auld Lights and New Lights, "English" and "Scottish" Episcopalians, Independent, United Presbyterian, Moderates, Evangelical Union, Irvingites, Free Church, Original Seceders, Free Presbyterian, Reformed Presbyterian, United Free Church, Free Church Continuing, Reunited Church of Scotland, United Free Church Continuing, not to speak of fragmentary freak bodies like the "Brith" Kirk and the Buchananites.

This divisiveness had its good and its bad sides. It is, of course, a bad side. The Scottish Kebley has refuted the ridiculous notion that Scottish history lacks political significance, shows that each of these sects was preserving and carrying on some precious Scottish element of spiritual truth and communal and individual freedom that would have its place in an eventual reunion. Their adherences are largely justified in the nature of the Church of Scotland of our day.

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Control Of Affairs

The lesson has not long last been taken home. The political and social opinions represented at the Scottish National Assembly were highly various and in some cases frankly expressed. But all the speakers met on common ground in their adherence to an agreed plan that, if resolutely promoted, would get Scotland within a year or two the legislative control of her own affairs and money that she urgently needs.

I doubt if I myself so recently as 10 years ago, would have agreed to any plan that gave our ancient nation anything less than complete sovereignty. As there seemed little hope of ever getting anything, one could afford to wage abstract battles in the realm of the ideal.

But we have all been brought down to realities, on the one hand by a terrible world war and its aftermaths, and on the other by the knowledge that the majority of Scots people desire what is obviously needed for the welfare, indeed the national existence, of Scotland.

Within a few years, thanks largely to the Leonard Declaration, our faraway dream Scotland has changed into a real Scotland within our grasp.

The Assembly was proof that we Scots have acquired political wisdom. Whatever our individual political ideas may be, we no longer push aside the substance for the shadow, particularly as acceptance in no way compromises our ideals.

We can go on dreaming, but from a basis of achieved reality. And what are dreams for Scotland worth if Scotland itself fades out?

One figure alone, and that a great one, stood out, statueque, against the Covenant. That was quite in keeping. Hugh MacDiarmid represents a Scotland beyond the dreams of politicians. What it should be like no one can say, perhaps not even on himself.

But he is a great poet and thinker, and as I looked across the hall I saw in him the living reminder that a nation's development is never finished. He stood for something ever yet about to be.

Hugh MacDiarmid, who as a national poet "put a soul beneath the ribs of death," cannot but agree with the Assembly that there is not much of a national future for Scotland unless, very soon, she obtains charge of her own affairs.

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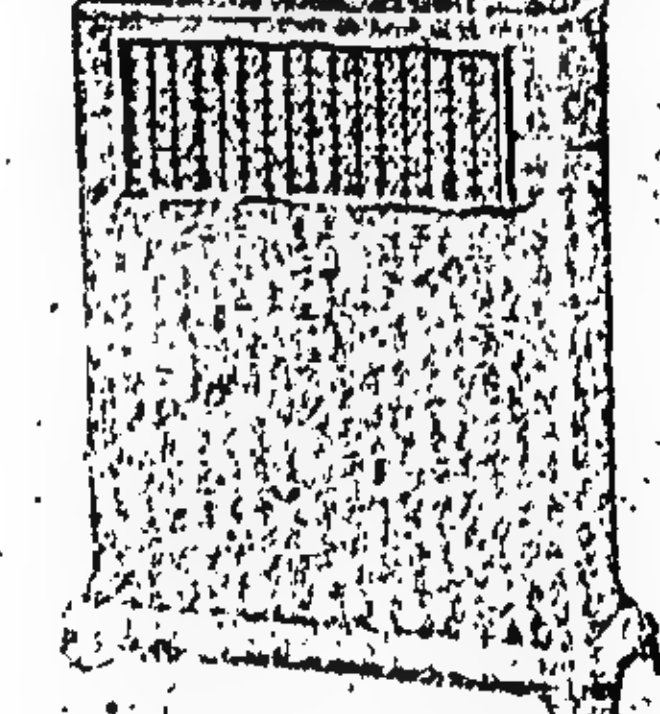
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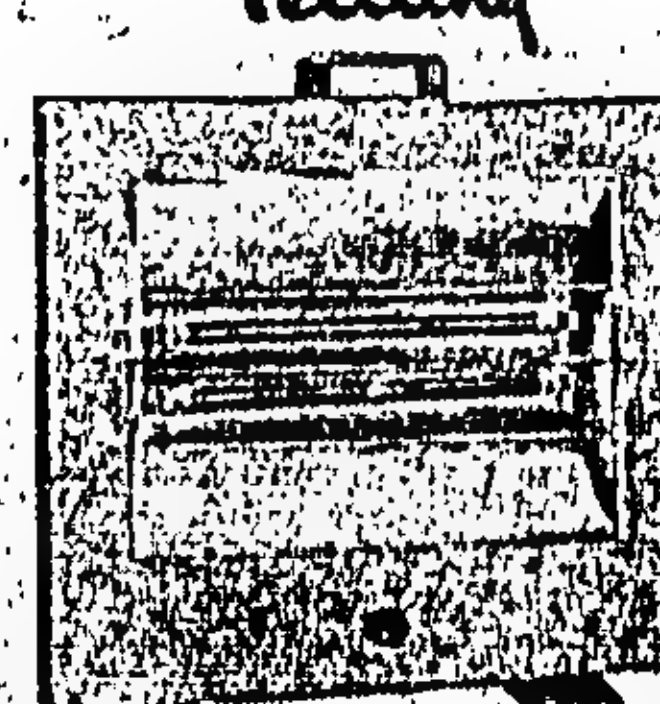
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SPANISH APPEAL FOR LIBERATION FROM FALANGE

London, December 2.

Speaking at the Free World Trade Conference here today, Senor Pascual Tomas, of the exiled General Workers' Union of Spain, appealed to the conference for help in liberating the Spanish people from General Franco's regime. "You can free the soul of the people," he declared, asking the conference to adopt measures to overthrow Falangism.

In 11 years of persecution of the trade union movement in Spain, he said, it had not been possible for trade union members there to do anything more than fight for their bare existence.

Reports from Spain showed that trade union members had been sentenced to between 10 and 15 years' imprisonment for nothing but promoting the movement.

If the Franco regime could be overthrown, the Spanish trade unions would have to reconstruct their life and bring Spain back into the community of nations. Spanish workers, he said, recognised America's general assistance in helping workers of other countries, but he warned them not to allow their help to be exploited directly or indirectly by Franco Spain.

"We ask this conference to liberate Spain and to restore to the Spanish people human and political rights by definite measures calculated to smother the Franco regime," he declared.

Aid For German Capitalists

Herr Hans Boeckler, Western German delegate, told the conference that something like \$200,000,000 "foreign aid" had reached German capitalists to help them develop their own policies in the new post-war Germany.

These capitalist forces had asked for help, he said. "Quite considerable sums, we have been told, have been going into German industry," he declared.

Herr Boeckler, representing the German Federation of Trade Unions, said that there had been a total collapse in Germany and she must now decide between

WEST ACCUSED

Flushing, December 2. "Byelo-Russia and Poland today accused the United States and United Kingdom of violation of the Yalta agreement on the repatriation of displaced persons and charged that the Western occupation authorities in Germany and Austria were attempting to prevent citizens of Eastern European countries from returning to their homes — United Press.

Catalina Crash In Indonesia

The Hague, December 2. Six people, including two British pilots, were killed when a Catalina plane crashed today in Muntok Bay, Banks Island, Indonesia.

It was stated here that the flying boat was carrying out "nautical reconnaissance" when it crashed while coming down to alight on the water.

Two Dutch mechanics and two of the passengers, both nautical advisers, were among the killed. The fifth member of the crew and the four other occupants of the plane were injured. They are stated to be out of danger.

The plane belonged to the Dutch Bataafsche Petroleum Company.—Reuter

LANCASTERS' LONG FLIGHT

London, December 2. Seven Lancasters from the Royal Air Force Central Aviation School at Shawbury, Shropshire, will leave Britain next Tuesday on a 2,500-mile training flight to Gibraltar and back.

The flight will give students practice in navigation.

The outward journey is planned to take the Lancasters via the Bay of Biscay and round the coast of Spain.

The return flight will be by air, near Marseilles, arriving at Shawbury on December 8 Reuter.

CONFIDENCE MAN AT LARGE

Sion, December 2. Elusive Auguste Farinet, described by the Swiss police as a confidence trickster who escaped from Artigay Prison recently, is still at large, the police announcement was because of the latest rumour that, dressed as a nun, August had been living in a convent and the police had recaptured him when, in spite of his clothing, he chose the man's door into a public convenience.

Swiss papers published it as a fact. The Cantonal authorities have ordered an investigation.—Associated Press.



Lowell Thomas Explains

New York, December 2. The radio commentator, Lowell Thomas, said today that he went to Tibet on his first holiday in 19 years because he had always been eager to visit the remote land.

Mr. Thomas said his visit had no political significance whatsoever.

The noted commentator made the comment at his home in reply to an article in the Russian magazine "New Times" which said his trip was connected with a spy ring and anti-Communist military aid for Tibet.

He said: "That is another typical example of Communist falsehood. I wanted to go to Tibet for 30 years and then I got my first holiday in 19 years. I sent a message to Lhasa asking if I might visit Tibet and to my great surprise my son and I were invited to come."

Mr. Thomas said he broadcast that Tibet was alarmed about Communist encroachment because that precisely was the situation he found.

He said "But the trip had absolutely no significance. I did not even talk to President Truman before I left. I found out later that I should have. It is traditional for visitors to such a remote country as Tibet to bring a message and gifts from the ruler of their own country."

Tito Is Still A Red

New York, December 2. Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia will remain faithful to the Communist ideology and will not deviate from it, New York State's Industrial Commissioner, Mr. Edward Corsi, said on his arrival here by plane from London.

Mr. Corsi, as Chairman of the One-World Committee, participated in ceremonies in Rijeka, Yugoslavia, at which a street was named in honour of the late Mr. Forlano LaGuardia, a former New York Mayor, for his friendship to the people of that city during his term as Vice-Consul there.

Mr. Corsi said, "I had a long talk with Marshal Tito in his home outside Belgrade."

"I asked him how he got on with a cold war raging around him and he replied, 'I feed on trouble.'"

Mr. Corsi said that Marshal Tito was willing and ready to do business unconditionally with no strings attached and on a strictly business basis with the United States or any other countries, regardless of their political systems.

Mr. Corsi said: "America should understand that in Tito we are dealing with a Communist and a Communist State, and that it will continue to be Communist."

He added, "We should have no illusions that the people in Yugoslavia will get away from Communism because of their fight with Russia. It is a family fight. Tito has been a life-long Communist and he knows all their tricks."—Reuter.

LABOUR TROUBLE IN BANGKOK

Bangkok, December 2. Electric power went off for one hour this afternoon in many parts of Bangkok when the Thai Electric Corporation's workers, numbering about 300, laid down tools due to the company's delay in settling their demand for higher wages.

All street cars stopped during the period, due to lack of power. About 200 armed police, led by the deputy police chief, Major-General Phao Sriyanon, took control of the company's plants to prevent a spread of the disorder. They succeeded in persuading workers to return pending settlement.—United Press.

NAKED WOMAN FOUND DEAD

Paris, December 2. The police have found a dead woman, naked, lying on the bank of the Seine this morning near one of the bridges, her head in the water.

No clothes or belongings were found and the police are seeking clues to her identity.—Reuter.

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Serious Threat To Tito

Washington, December 2. High diplomatic quarters said today that Russian troops would march into Yugoslavia this winter if the Kremlin leaders were convinced that the United States and Western Europe would stand idly by. Officials who watched at close range the growing feud between Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia and the Cominform said a "crisis" in the strained situation is almost inevitable before spring. The critical phase may be beginning now, they say. Immediate developments foreseen by these unusually well-informed sources, who cannot be quoted by name, include Russian-inspired sabotage inside Yugoslavia, further incidents, with British efforts to stir up a revolution against Tito and possibly a bold attempt to assassinate Tito. Authorities here, and Yugoslav leaders as well, are reported to be convinced that all these "short war" measures will fail to unseat Tito or to bring Yugoslavia to heel.

When or if failure becomes apparent to the Politburo, it is believed, the Kremlin will make the fateful decision whether to start an armed attack on Yugoslavia.

Purge Forecast In Rumania

Bucharest, December 2. Speculation that Rumania may be preparing a Rajk-type spy trial arose today when the former Rumanian Minister of Justice, Mr. Lucian Patrascanu, was branded in the Cominform Journal as an agent of the American Intelligence Service.

The accusation was made by Mr. Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej, Secretary of the Rumanian Workers' (Communist) Party. Mr. Gheorghiu-Dej listed Mr. Patrascanu as in the same class with the late Mr. Laszlo Rajk of Hungary, and Mr. Turlo Kozlov of Bulgaria, who is now awaiting trial in Sofia.

Heretofore Mr. Patrascanu had not been accused of "deviation."

—Associated Press

GREEK SPEAKER

Athens, December 2. M. Praxitelis Muntzandis, of the right wing Populist Party, was today elected Speaker of the Greek Chamber of Deputies by 182 votes out of a total of 261.

He replaces M. John Theotokis, another Populist Party deputy, who had resigned after disorienting himself from the Party.

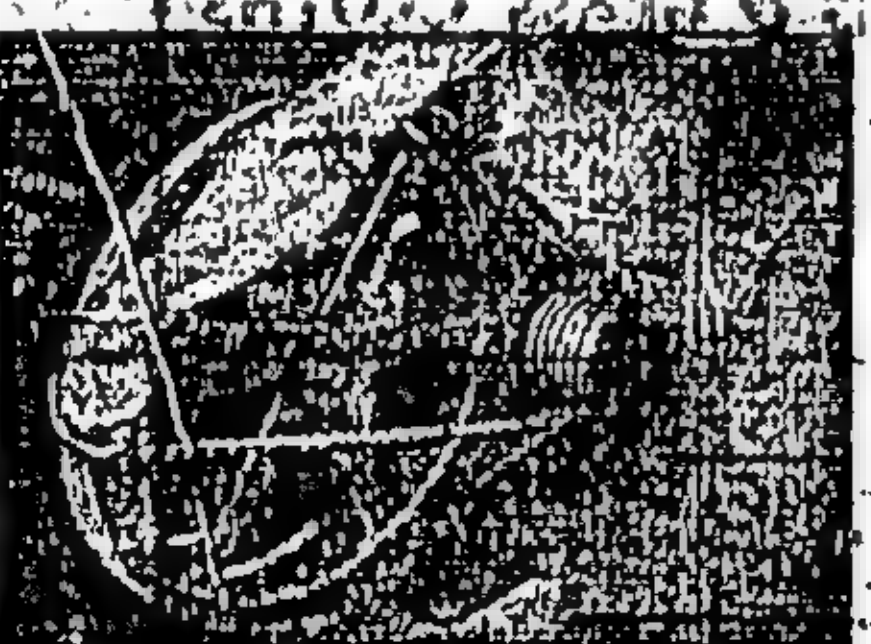
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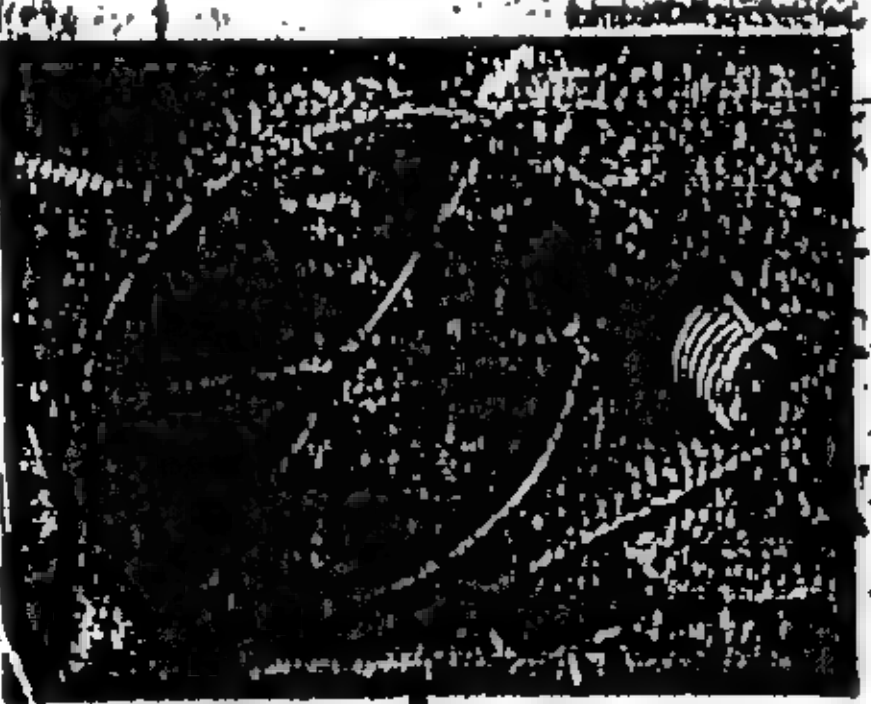
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"Yugoslavia Treated Like Soviet Colony"

Sarajevo, December 2.

Eleven Soviet citizens, facing trial here for spying, treated Yugoslavia as a colony of the Soviet Union and did just as they pleased, the public prosecutor declared today.

The trial entered its second day with the examination of the chief accused, an Orthodox priest, Alexei Krisko, who declared when he entered the box, "I am not afraid of this court or even of death."

He admitted that he passed intelligence information to the Soviet Embassy in Belgrade, but denied charges that he had collaborated with the Gestapo during the war.

Krisko said that he used a special code to send information to Soviet officials through a former lay assistant in the Orthodox Church in Belgrade. The assistant, Vladimir Nelin, was indicted with the other 11, but hanged himself in a cell a few hours before the trial was due to open.

Grey-bearded and wearing black Orthodox robes, Krisko admitted helping to recruit volunteers for Hitler's White Army Corps.

The prosecutor commented on the similarity between Krisko's statements about Yugoslavia and those broadcast by Moscow Radio.

"A Colony"

The prosecutor said, "It seems that Yugoslavia is not a sovereign country, but a colony of the Soviet Union in which you Russian

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Other allegations in the letters were that religious discrimination in favour of Moslems was practiced in Sarajevo, that the Bosnian authorities were "extremes," and that the Yugoslav youth organisation were "scum."

It was this point that the prosecutor referred to the "similarity" between Krisko's statements and those of Moscow Radio.

He read articles from Moscow Radio broadcasts and papers which he had collaborated with Krisko's letters.

Krisko later admitted that he knew his reports were going to the Soviet Embassy.

In some letters he had spoken of his desire to return to the Soviet Union, he said.

Many Russian emigres had the same feeling, except a few who were terrified.

The trial was later adjourned. —Reuter

SERGEANT SHAKESPEARE

London, December 2. Shakespeare was a Non-Commissioned Officer in the British Army, according to Sir Alfred Duff Cooper in his recently published book, "Sergeant Shakespeare."

In attempting to account for the six unaccounted-for years between Shakespeare's departure from Stratford, and his recorded appearance in London, Sir Alfred claims that the bard was serving under the Earl of Leicester in the Low Countries.

He draws his conclusions from Shakespeare's love of military imagery and his familiarity with the idiom and mental attitude of the lower levels of Army life. —Reuter

FORGERY GANG UNCOVERED

Rio de Janeiro, December 2. After receiving information from Switzerland, the police here have uncovered a gang believed to have "its brains" somewhere in Germany, which has been forging £5 and £1 notes in Brazil since 1947.

Three members of the gang have been arrested. The forgers are described as Germans. Others are reported to be displaced persons recently arrived. A German arrested was found to have 58 counterfeit £5 notes.

The police believe that large quantities of counterfeit notes are in the possession of other members of the gang who are still at large.

Detectives are trying to find the gang's printing plant and the serials have extended over several states of Brazil. —Reuter

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Scheme To Aid Arab Refugees Approved In UN

Lake Success, December 2. The Special Political Committee today overwhelmingly recommended the adoption of the \$54,000,000 public works and relief programme designed to aid 1,000,000 Arab refugees from the Palestine war. The vote was 48-0. Only the Soviet bloc and South Africa, abstained—the latter because it has not received instructions from its home Government.

The vote was on the resolution sponsored jointly by the United States, Turkey, Britain and France.

Mr. John C. Ross of the United States led the delegates of the United Kingdom, France and Turkey in accepting with a single minor reservation which is expected to be ironed out. Informally—Egyptian—amendments to their joint resolution which sets up a programme of public works in the Middle East and provides direct financial aid to the homeless Arabs who fled Palestine.

The Egyptian amendments insert a clause re-affirming the right of the refugees to return to their homes. This is expected to gain the support of the Arab states for the programme and probably secure United Nations acceptance but Israel, which has refused to accept more than 100,000 refugees, is certain to oppose the return of great numbers of refugees to its territory.

Britain's Sir Alexander Cadogan, speaking for the sponsoring powers, agreed to let the director of the programme and his assistants in the field determine when the need for direct aid ends and referring the recommendation to the General Assembly.

Israel Attacked

They would also work out a willing scale for direct relief. During the debate in the Committee, Israel was bitterly attacked by Syria. The Syrian delegate, Ahmad Shukairy, said the Arabs who made up the fourth of the Palestinian population fled or were systematically displaced not primarily because of the Arab-Jewish war but because of planned strategy of the Zionists.

He declared, "The Jews in Palestine are a minority creating a mixed problem. They should be encouraged to achieve peace in the Middle East." He accused Israel of continuing acts of terrorism against the Arabs within its borders. —United Press

BLAZING SHIP DRAMA

Alameda, California, December 2. A blazing 8,000-ton freighter, rolled over and crashed against a pier here today after a two-mile dash through San Francisco Bay to seek the aid of fire-fighting equipment.

The dash to the Alameda followed. After a huge quantity of water had been pumped into her she careened over sharply in 18 degrees to starboard, smashing into the pier and tearing loose the hawse, bidding her to the fireboat. —Reuter

MR. ZILLIACUS RESIGNS

London, December 2. Mr. Konni Ziliacus, Independent Labour Member of Parliament, tonight announced his resignation from the pro-Soviet Peace Committee.

In a letter to the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ziliacus, who has recently shown sympathy for the Tito regime, said that while continuing to share the "major purposes" of the organisation he is resigning on grounds of policy organisation and method. —Reuter

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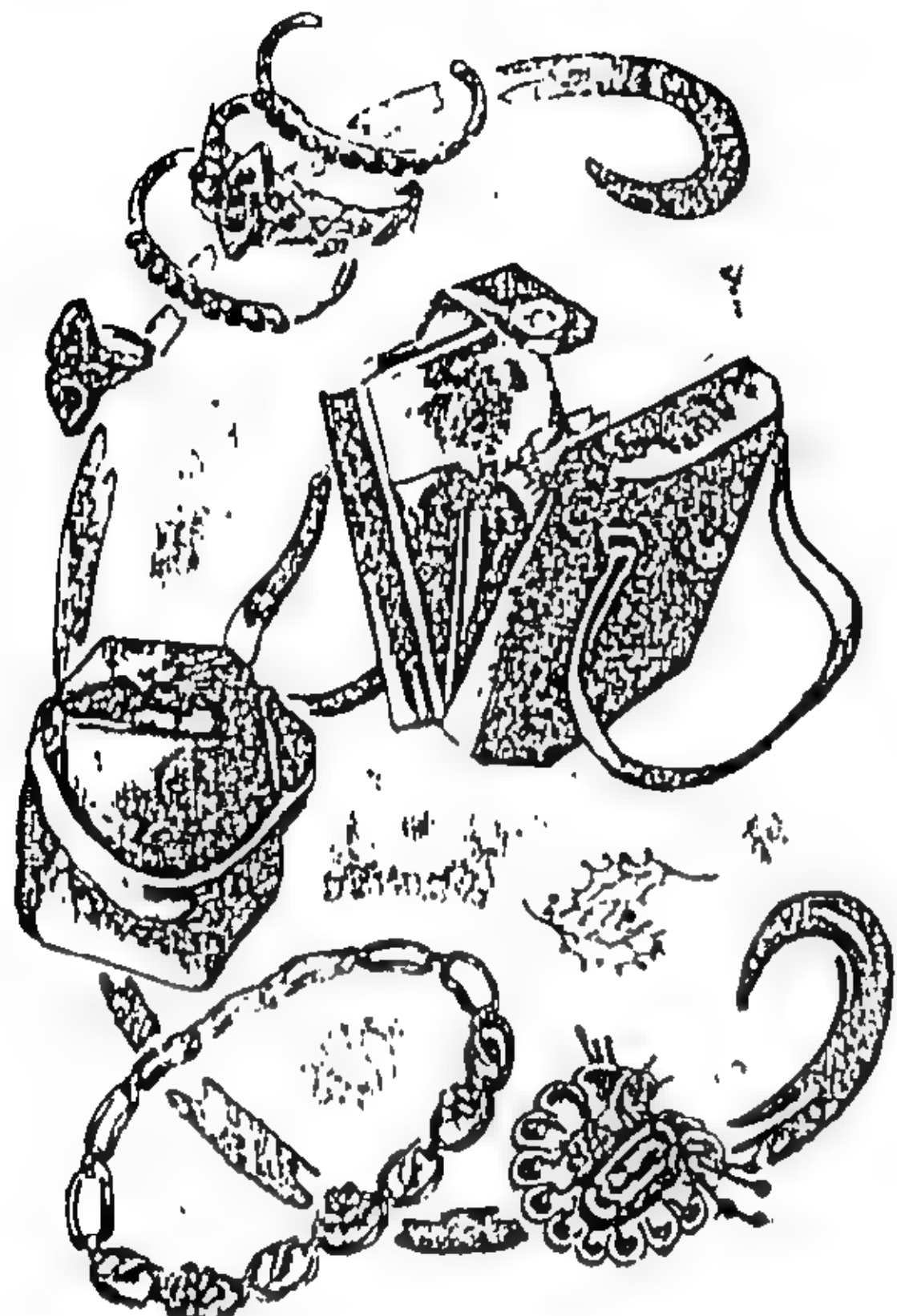
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IS 16 TOO YOUNG TO MARRY?

Seven Thousand Child Brides Went To The Altar In Britain In One Year. Were They Wise? Jack Thomas Sums Up On Their Chances Of Happiness.

"Mothers and fathers" has been a favourite nursery game for centuries. But, today, too many of Britain's youngsters are playing it in real earnest. And not always in the best company.

Lying on my desk is the Registrar-General's Statistical Review for 1947. It is a slim, grey-covered booklet, recording in closely printed tables the births, deaths and marriages in England and Wales during the year. You couldn't imagine anything more dreary. But it has given me the biggest shock I've had for many months.

Did you know that in 1947 there were 7,202 child-brides in Britain—three of the already widowed and one a divorcee? That 68 of them married divorced men? That six of the 16-year-old girls who wed had already been through the Divorce Court? There were 680 boy bride-grooms, too, one of them, aged of 17, described as a "divorced man."

It Turned Out Well For Dai

Year by year the totals of these juvenile marriages are mounting. Yet only about a third are what might be termed "marriages of necessity." What's happening to Britain's children?

What's driving them into matrimony—often with divorced men and women straight from the schoolroom? What chance have their marriages of turning out well?

That's what I've been trying to find out from the marriage experts and from couples who took a chance on marrying young.

First, I talked to Dai Williams, 30, now a successful salesman with a neat little semi-detached in a London suburb. But, one of 15 children of an unemployed miner, he was barely 17 when he married his 16-year-old Blodwen down in the Rhondda Valley.

It's turned out well. With their sturdy 10-year-old son Gareth they're still supremely happy—but they don't advise other youngsters to follow their example.

Says Dai: "Ours was a special case. Things were tough in the valleys. I began work to help the old man while I was still at school, doing an early morning paper round. Mum did her best, but we were always hungry. So was Blodwen. Her dad was out of work, too. Hard living knocked all the childishness out of us. By the time I was 17 I was a man."

"Now we're doing fine. But I wouldn't like to go through it again. We got by because hardships had made us old beyond our years and because scrapping along on nothing was the only life we knew. Given a similar background—and the breaks—I dare say a pair of youngsters would make the grade, but it's not the kind of experience I want for Gareth."

Well there's a man's slant on the problem. Now come along and meet Rosie Smith, of King's Cross. At 16, Rosie stands 5ft. 6in. In her fashionable wedge-heeled shoes and weights around 120lb. Her shining black hair is worn shoulder-length and expertly permed.

At first glance, you'd say Rosie was a sophisticated woman of 19 or 20. Twice a week she goes to the movies. On Saturday nights, in backless gown and gilt shoes, she's out dancing.

Rosie is engaged to Ted Brown, a cheerful youth who has just completed his spell of National Service. Maybe as a reaction from khaki, his dress taste runs to sugared "American" belt-jackets, "screwed egg" ties, galatrine trousers and parti-coloured shoes. The dangles he wears at his £3-a-week job suit him better, but he wouldn't thank you for saying so. He's a nice young fellow, but completely irresponsible.

Rosie and Ted are planning an early marriage. Their parents are against the idea.

But parental opposition doesn't worry Rosie. "They're old sticks-in-the-muds," she says. "Expect me to come in every night at 10 o'clock, as if I was a kid! They don't understand what being in love means. But we're getting married, whatever they say. If they won't give their consent, the magistrate will. I'm a good, clean-living boy and he earns good money and he's wild about me. Happy? Of course we'll be happy. I'll soon learn to cook, and there won't be much housework at first. We're planning to live with Ted's mother until we can get a home of our own."

But A Magistrate Doubts It

I talked to a magistrate about Rosie. He's a wise old man, who for many years has had much to do with London's youth.

"It's a problem," he admitted. "My own view is that these very young marriages have less than a 50 per cent chance of working out well, but it's difficult for a magistrate to refuse his consent."

"I can't believe that a boy of 18 or 19 would make a good husband. I don't believe any boy should marry before he attains his majority. Fellows in their teens don't want to think about marriage. They are still immature, and I can't help feeling that from this aspect National Service is unfortunate. Service ranks do not learn to shoulder the kind of responsibility you need for house-making."

What's the medical view? An eminent doctor to whom I spoke was emphatic. "Generally speaking, no young woman should think of marriage before the age of 18," he declared. "The ideal time is from 20 to 25. One must think of marriage in terms of having children, and the girls of today are physically healthier than their mothers and grandmothers would have been at a similar age."

A psychologist agreed. "Nine-teen is the earliest age for a woman to marry," he told me. "A girl of 16 is still in mid-adolescence. She may appear to be physically mature, but she cannot be emotionally mature. How many of them do you think have any sense of permanency? What basis of experience have they for the difficult job of choosing a life partner?"

"The partners in so many of these very early marriages come from bad home surroundings. Ignorance and curiosity explain many cases."

Churches Blame Near-Paganism

I thought maybe the people at the Marriage Guidance Council could help. They have plenty of experience, with other folk's lives. But they were chary of defining an ideal age for marriage.

They find that some very early marriages are successful—but the risk of failure is great.

The Churches? Ministers of all denominations cited the near-absence of modern life and the lack of youth clubs as reasons for the rising tide of juvenile marriages. One parish priest told me: "If a couple in their early teens asked me to marry them, I could not well refuse, but I would do my best to persuade them to wait for a year or two before taking such a momentous step. I believe most parsons would do the same."

"But most of these youngsters have no religious background. They are beyond our reach. Children of 16 and 17 who live in truly Christian homes are unlikely to rush into premature marriage. Nor are those who spend their leisure in properly-run youth clubs and organizations."

There's still another factor—geography. A social worker of wide experience pointed this out. "Some areas have a tradition of youthful marriage," he said. In Lancashire and Wales about 65 per cent of those who marry are under 21. And, strangely, there are more juvenile marriages in country and suburban districts than in the big cities.

Wise To All The Wrong Things

"Then many men back from the war find it difficult to readjust themselves to family life. Some had been in prison camps and now suffer with bad nerves. Their unhappy children rush into marriage just to get away from nagging and squabbling parents."

Finally—money. Youths still in their teens often take home a wage larger than that of which their fathers kept the entire family before the war. With seven or even eight pounds a week coming in they see no reason why they should wait to marry.

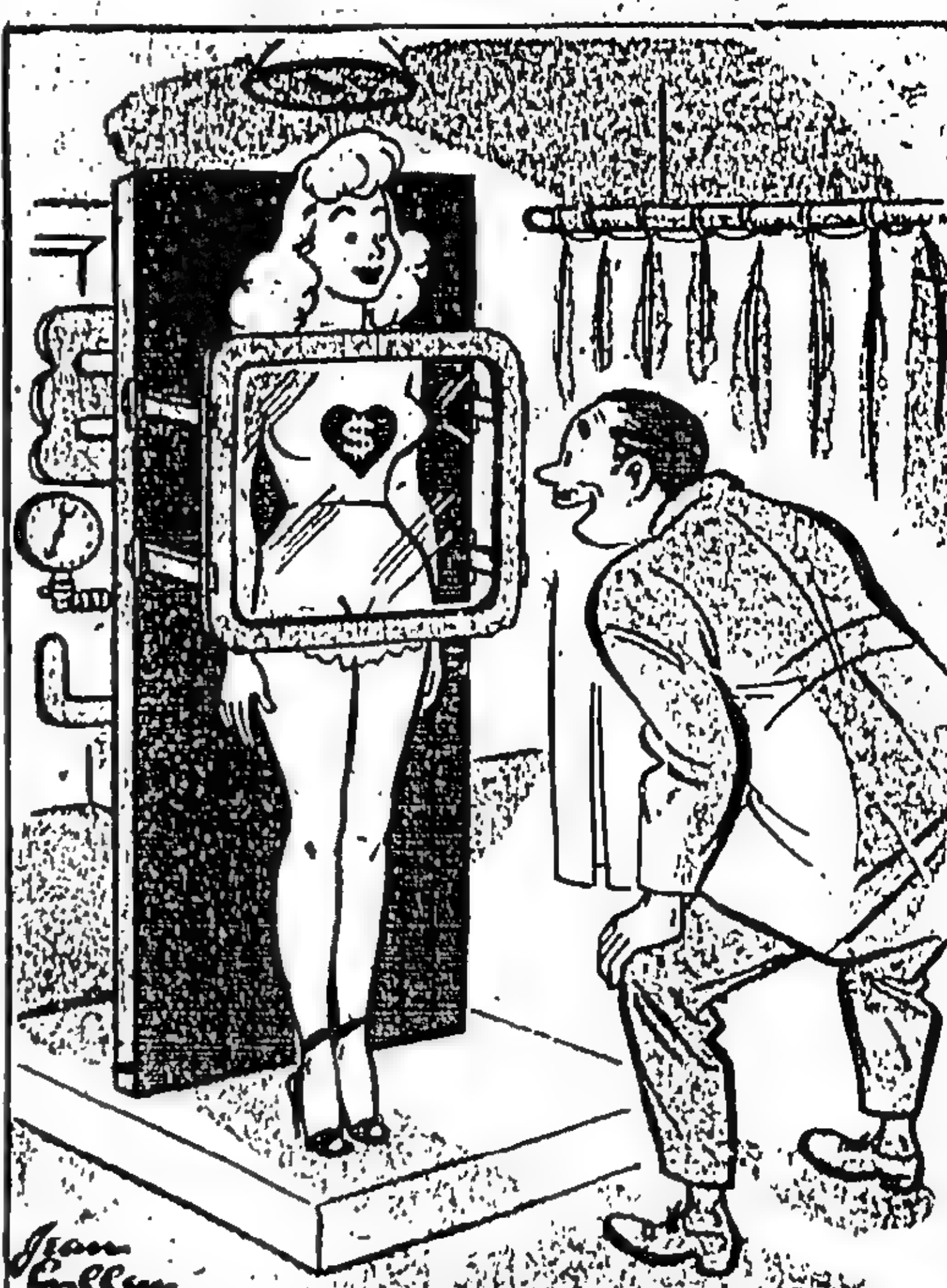
To them, marriage is merely a matter of adequate income. "They are too young to understand the larger issues. With light hearts they take the plunge—which, all too often, ends in disaster."

Well, there it is. The marriage perilous, whatever the reason, is swinging backwards to the days of granddaddy and great-granddaddy, when marriage at 16 or 17 was the accepted thing. But there's this difference. The young men of Victorian times were conditioned to marriage from the cradle. She had no other vocation. And she was trained for the job. Having attracted a good husband, her one ambition was to hold and serve him. The idea of separation or divorce made her shudder.

Most of the child-brides of today are tragically wise to all the wrong things. They can take shorthand at 100 words a minute, but they can't boil an egg without consulting the cookery book. They can shake a pretty rumbo, but the weekly wash goes to the laundry. Fixing a faulty carburettor comes easier than sewing a patch on little Johnny's pants. And all too often they are more concerned with the "pussies" of some movie than with the responsibilities of a life-partnership.

Some come through. I've talked to many couples who, married while still in their teens, have found happiness. But they are the exceptions. Scrape away the make-up and—I can't help feeling—Miss Sixteen of 1949 is still a bewildered child.

But that's only my opinion. Would you like your daughter to marry so young?



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A Tale Of Two Citizens

1. The German. A Matter Of Marks By ANTONY TERRY

Two hundred kind-hearted and well-to-do Germans in Hanover last week decided to invite 200 "hungry British children" to stay with them for a month.

The idea came to nothing because of the red tape involved. But it threw a light on the way Germans are feeling about conditions in "defeated" Germany and their attitude to "vicious" Britain.

With most staple foods off the ration in Germany and shops full of off-ration chocolate at 2s. 3d. a quarter pound block, no wonder many Germans pity Britain and its rationing problems.

Others—especially the unemployed—wish they could afford the plentiful food and other goods liberally displayed in the shops throughout Western Germany, and would prefer a system where they got at any rate a regular though limited supply of food at moderate prices.

The butter ration is half-a-pound a month, plus two pounds of margarine. But often butter is unobtainable unless one is prepared to pay the "off ration" price of 10 shillings a pound. Bread is plentiful at reasonable prices, thanks to Marshall Aid wheat, but sugar is off the ration and quite exorbitant—four shillings a pound.

In Düsseldorf, bomb-scarred and dreary capital of the Industrial Ruhr, there is a fashionable restaurant with a truly first-class cuisine where German business men wife and dine for anything between £1 and £3 a head.

On the other side of the building is a British Control Commission canteen, where British officials eat a poverty-stricken meal of mashed potatoes and a scrap of desiccated bacon.

Nothing is short in Germany today—if one can pay for it. Petrol is 3s. 2d. a gallon on the ration, but the ration is only about 10 gallons a month for a doctor and there is no "basic."

The cheap ready-to-wear men's suits that are sold in Germany today contain a good deal of cellulose and not much wool. The cheapest cost around £8.

2. The Austrian. Spaghetti And Noodles, Noodles And Spaghetti By RITCHIE McEVEN

Four and a half years after total defeat, rationing in Austria is virtually at an end.

The shops are full of every delicacy. A walk through the market halls in Vienna will show you rows of fat geese, plump chickens, venison, pork, mutton and lamb, pheasants, huge sides of beef, and every conceivable kind of sausage.

Strictly speaking, there are four things still on ration. Some meats, butter and lard, sugar and milk are still controlled—in theory. In practice, the price of the first three items are too high for housewives with large families. Butter costs 8s. 6d. a pound, and the cheaper meats 7s. 6d. a pound. With a big family and a small budget it is impossible to afford the ration.

On the other hand, if you have the money, there is no difficulty in buying anything you see and fancy. Unrationed goods, particularly the luxury items, are in great variety in all the shops.

Milk chocolate may be bought by the ton, at 3s. 6d. a quarter pound bar. Every kind and make of sweet from all countries can be bought, and many varieties of biscuits.

Until recently, you had to give up coupons for a restaurant meal. That is no longer necessary now. The average worker earns about £8 a week. Out of his pay packet he must pay about £1 a week in rent, insurance, a very heavy electricity or gas bill.

His tram fares are high, and all household utensils are expensive. His wife buys mainly spaghetti and noodles, potatoes and a few fresh vegetables as the main family diet.

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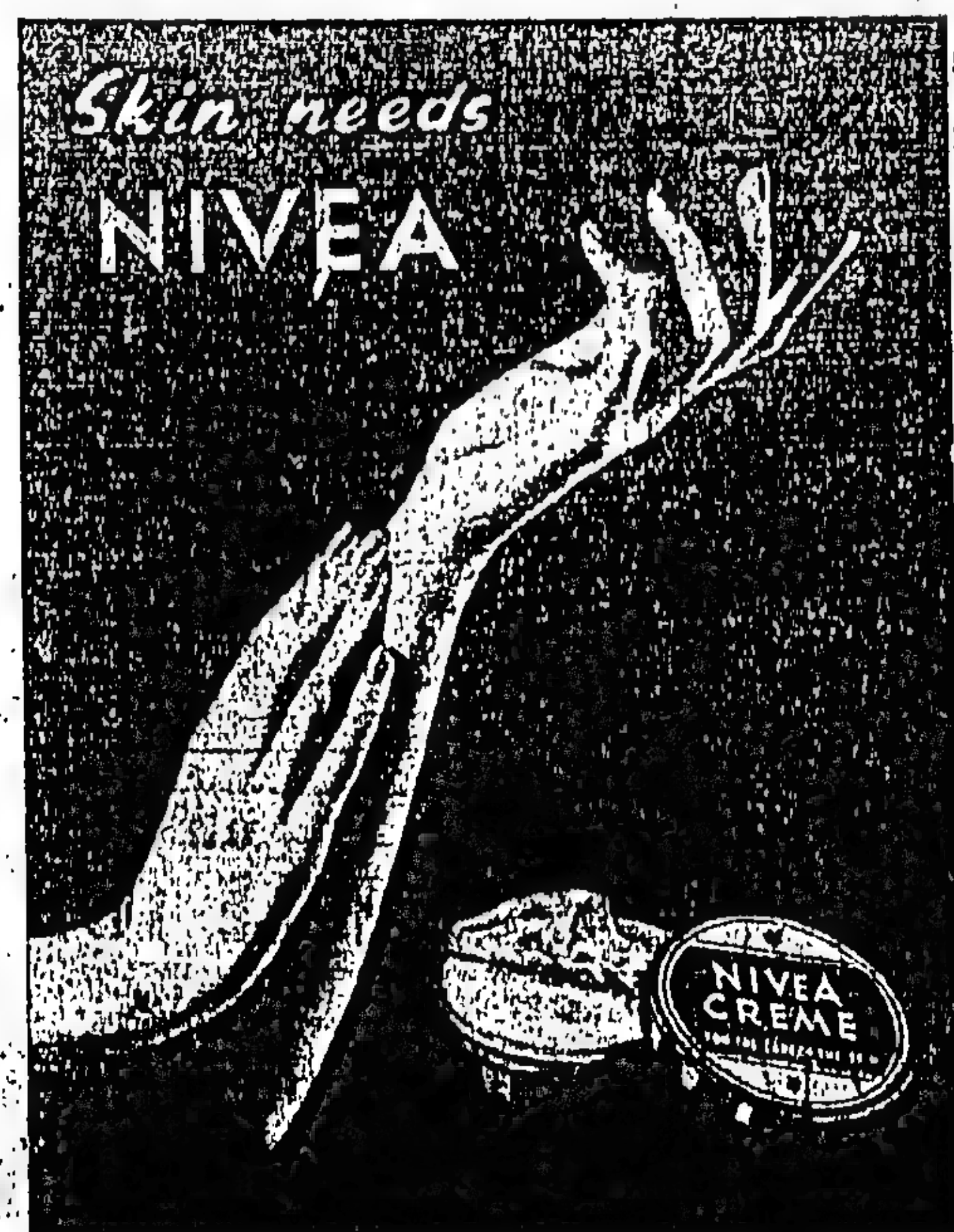
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Between Ourselves

Importance Of "Bits And Pieces"

By Janet Martin

Accessories keynote the mode. So important have they become that the smart woman will build a complete ensemble around a special piece of costume jewellery, a priceless lace collar, or a unique handbag.

Even fashion is incomplete without the joint creation of accessory vogues. The great houses of Paris have their "boutiques" the little shop-within-a-shop, devoted to those fascinating final details.

For your guidance in what to wear and how to wear it, here are some current trends and fashion notes from the accessory department.

Pearls again and again, worn with a thousand new twists and never more popular. Every length, from the choker to the waist-length string, casually knotted. Any number of rows from one to five or more.

Chokers for the slender neck. One row with the simple, high necked frock; two with light woollens; three with afternoon frocks, four or more with the sophisticated outfit, be it cocktail gown, suit or evening dress.

Long links are looped or knotted, tucked into the décolletage, fastened to the side with an antique brooch. It's very smart to leave the ends loose, attaching motifs or tassels. The ends can be tied over at front or back, very becoming with a bare-top evening frock.

Low necklines make charming frames for cascade or ladder effects, and a single link of mid-length is becoming very popular.

Circlets Of Gold

Circlets of gold, framed with a ring of pearls are used for brooches and earrings to wear with your pearls.

Plain gilt costume jewellery, designed in lovely curves and scrolls, is enjoying a special popularity, made in matching sets, to be worn one at a time or occasionally all together.

Then there are the bead necklets, unusual plastics, pewter, polished quartz, polished wood and grandmother's jet.

Shoes and bags draw a sharp line between styles for daytime and styles for playtime. Bags for day wear are more capacious, bags for late-day and evening smaller than ever, dainty trifles of silk or fine leather, sludded with gilt or beaded in bright colours.

Shoes for day wear, whether with low heels or four inch spindles, have a clean-cut, classic line, while for dusk and later - you can indulge your fancy in the most airy fantasies.

Chic Umbrella

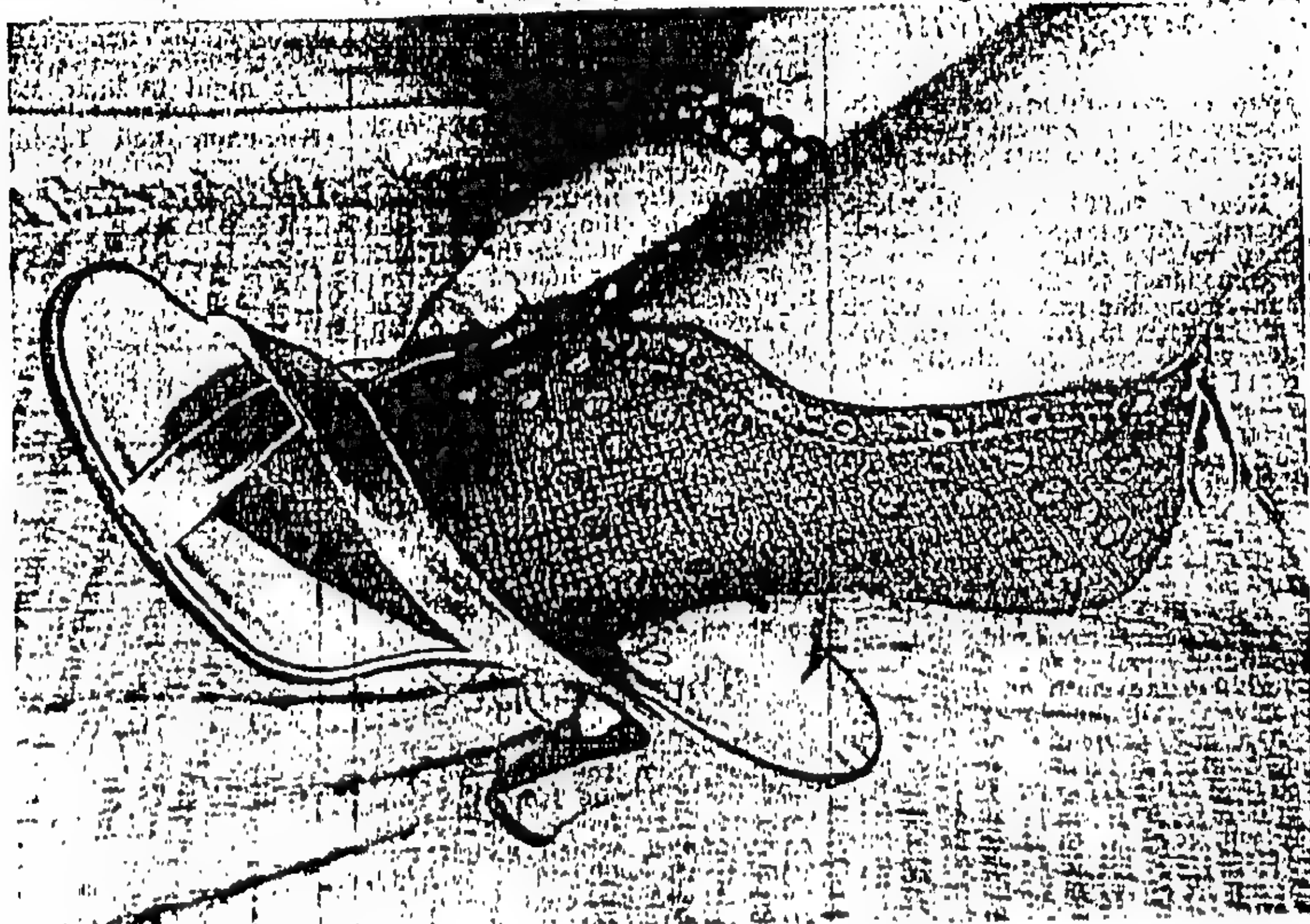
Every chic indeed is the walking length umbrella, incredibly thin and tightly-rolled, perfect with your slimskirted costume and small, close-fitting hat.

Chic too is the narrow fur necklet, ocelot or ermine, mounted on a velvet band, fastened with an old paste brooch or antique buckle, with matching bracelet. This idea was shown in Paris accompanied by a note of black, broadcloth, with ermine-trim fringes, complete with ermine-trim gloves.

News of gloves is the shoulder length evening glove, coming to a point well above the elbow and worn with the new, lightly swathed evening gown.

Worn by themselves, with no other jewellery to detract from their magnificence, are the fabulous pendant earrings, almost shoulder-length, in brilliant and opalescent, in formal evening wear.

Stockings Are Shoes



This convertible evening shoe by Italian designer Edoardo Fratagiani is actually formed by two shoes. The first is called the "stocking" and is of green brocade with multi-coloured stones at the crest of the ankle. They can be worn alone for cocktails, but the addition of a golden sandal makes the model correct for evening wear.—AP Photo.

HEADLINES

By CAROLYN EARLE

Shorter hairdos need more frequent pinning up at night, and more 'brush-ups' during the day, but to compensate for that there is less bulk to pin and to dry when you wash it.

A little more spent on a first-class short cut is money far better spent than if it was expended on frequent setting, because the shorter cut allows for quite a bit of home setting and rearranging.

It is important, though, that the hair is kept well-trimmed.

But if you are particularly attached to a specially lovely mop of hair, don't crop it too short as a sop to fashion. Go in for one of the half-and-half styles that will retain its glamour as well as giving you a contemporary head.

First of all, look for a good parting; the right one will emphasize a good feature, camouflage one not so desirable.

The real quality of the hair itself depends on its health, and that, in turn, reflects good care.

So let us run through some of the work-a-day methods used for glamour locks.

Using Tonics

Frail, brittle hair may be nourished with tonics and unguents; almost all hair benefits from a good oiling the night before washing. Washing should be done with a good shampoo, not a cake soap rubbed straight on to the strands.

Shampoos, whether done at home or at a salon, are spaced according to how often hair needs washing; in cool weather usually a seven to 10 day interval is allowable.

It may be necessary to wash the hair more frequently in the summer time to keep it sweet-smelling and fine-textured. The owner is the best judge of the right time to allow between launderings.

Opportunities for drying in the fresh air and sunshine in warm weather should be eagerly grasped, for the sun's rays can do much to put hair in better condition and add extra shine.

Where colour rinses are used, avoid them temporarily if the hair has a dull, lank look. Instead, try occasional camomile or tea rinses, or ask your hairdresser for suggestions.

A heavy hand with the lacquer can be another means of destroying hair colour and strength. Use sparingly, and not every day. Vigorous brushings are still essential in the daily routine.

Healthy Scalp

Vital hair springs from a scalp made healthy by active circulation, too, and the perfect means of speeding up the blood flow is by massage.

So a few minutes are given each night to working the fingertips up from the base of the neck to the crown and sides of the head.

The scalp should move easily under the fingertips; if it feels tight, then it wants more massage to make it flexible.

Brushing the hair daily is a handy rule even grandmothers followed; then it was brush your hair with a hundred strokes, but did you ever know anyone who did it?

I do not, but beginning with half the number and building up to a hundred each day is actually a short cut to a lustrous and well-groomed look.

Don't brush flat on top of the head; make a point of getting underneath and lifting each strand as you brush, and every now and again wipe the brush off on a towel. This is a handy way to check on whether you need a shampoo.

RECIPES

Apple Cider Salad

1 1/2 tbsps. gelatine
1/3 cup cold water
1/2 cup sugar
2 cups apple cider or clear apple juice
1/2 cup sliced blanched almonds
4 cups red apples (about 3 apples)
Salad greens
Real mayonnaise

Let the gelatine soak in cold water, then dissolve in one cup of hot cider. Cool with remainder of cider and add lemon juice and salt. Let mixture cool until it just begins to thicken.

Coarsely shred unpeeled apples directly into mixture and fold in at once. Add nuts and turn into ring mold which has been rinsed in cold water. Chill until firm. Unmould on salad greens and serve with real mayonnaise. As an appetite pick-up this could serve eight.

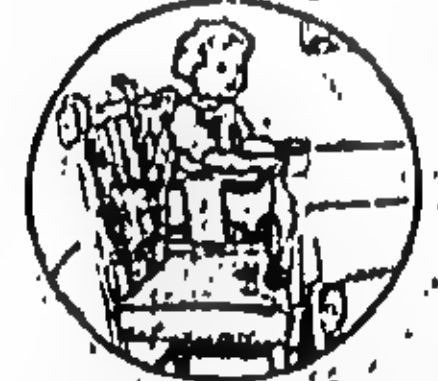
Since the sight of food should also be tantalizing, get some of your variety in colour. This comes in a white salad made with cottage cheese. Let's call it:

Snow Salad

1 tbsps. gelatine; plain and unflavoured
1/3 cup cold water
1/2 cup canned pineapple juice
2 1/2 cups cottage cheese
1/2 cup cherries
1/2 cup white grapes
1 tbsps. lemon juice
Mixed salad greens
French salad dressing

Let gelatine soften in fruit juices, then dissolve over hot water. Stir into cottage cheese mixed with fruit and pour into mould. Unmould and serve with French salad dressing.

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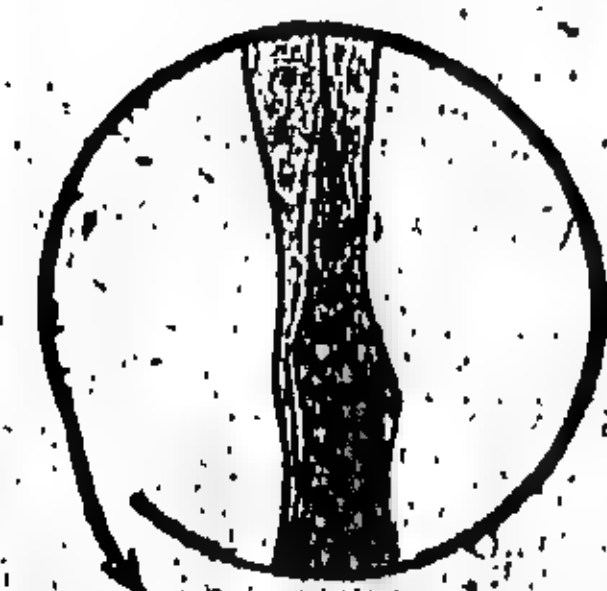
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THREE WEEKS TO CHRISTMAS

By CLAUDIA

Only three short weeks to Christmas and the gay round of parties, festivities and celebrations. Are you going to look your very best in spite of late nights and Christmas fare? A new perm and a brace of new party frocks are very good—but not quite good enough. It's you who has to look on top of the world.

Christmas time is always a strain on the complexion. Even the most abstemious find themselves indulging in richer fare, more "hard" drinks and later hours than usual. And you must start off in the best of form if you mean to stay the course without developing the haggard look.

First, it is a good plan to make sure that your face and eyes will not reveal untidy traces of the summer's faded skin. Bleach, cream and shoulders must be scrubbed every day with warm water, soap, and a soft nailbrush. This is where the back brush is a useful tool, keeping the dry flakes of old skin, making way for the new.

Similarly use a face loofah with the face and neck, then sponge with a five per cent solution of peroxide of hydrogen. Peroxide is a splendid bleach, but as soon as it begins to irritate it must be washed off with warm water. For fine sensitive skin, the five per cent solution should be diluted with equal parts of water.

Bleaching Creams

Bleaching creams are useful too, especially for a discoloured neck. They can be left on all night, used alternately with your skin food.

This freshening and clearing of the skin is of the first importance for evening, low-necked and strapless evening gowns. In conjunction with the bleaching process, be sure to use your skin food every day. Leave it on for at least a quarter of an hour in soaps and the skin and keep it soft and supple.

Then buy yourself an adequate Christmas present of a reliable

face masqua and use it once a week right through the holiday season.

For clearing the skin, drawing out the acidity, the muddiness or spots, a masqua containing yeast is excellent—and inexpensive.

For bleaching a discoloured skin there are special bleaching masquas, which are most helpful if used in conjunction with the treatment I have already outlined.

A Real Tonic

Most useful of all at this time, however, is the refreshing cream masqua to be used just before you go out to a party. The cream masqua takes only 20 minutes to apply and can be left on while you are having your bath or getting things ready. It is a real tonic, leaving the skin sparklingly fresh and alive.

An egg masqua is a first rate home-made recipe. Just take the white of an egg and paint three coats on to your face, allowing each layer a minute to dry before applying the next. Leave on for 10 minutes, then wash off gently with warm water and a little soap.

Clothes—lubricate—refresh—and relax! For beauty's sake, do have an occasional early night. And when you can't, find a few minutes each day to relax—really relax, lying flat and limp, thinking of nothing.

And lastly, beauty from within. In other words, the morning dose of salts. Even if the morning draught is not on your regular schedule, add it on for the Christmas season with all the josh and rich fare. You will feel better for it and your skin will stay fresh and clear.

Ann Temple Ability To Judge

I occupy an administrative post and come in daily contact with many different types and classes of people. It seems to me that to conduct a successful interview one needs an ability to judge other people's characters quickly and accurately.

I am conscious of the lack of this quality in myself and should be glad to know how to develop it.

Look for the cause and correct accordingly. It could be the result of no observation or of pre-occupation that prevents the instinctive impression—indeed, any one of half a dozen causes.

It is important to notice your first impression. You are bound to get one, but it is so easy to miss it if you are out to make mental notes.

To gauge mental abilities and type of personality you should study hands, shape of the head, walk, speech, deportment, dress, etc.

You could learn certain indications from books on these subjects, but your best plan is to reverse the process and start from the known.

Think of half a dozen people you know really well and make a comparative study of their hands to begin with. You know their abilities and type already—observe the size, shape of hands that go with those abilities. Proceed one at a time in the same way with all the other external indications.

A thorough and comprehensive study with your own charts and diagrams, analyses and conclusions you will find most rewarding. Very fascinating too.

I keep going back to see if I have shut doors, windows, put out lights and fire. I even go back to see if I have seen the right price of things in shop windows—as if it matters, I must have lost all my self-confidence. —ASHTABED.

Not at all! You're probably over-tired, over-worked, and over-anxious, and your nerves are telling you so by playing this trick on you.

But you can really get yourself into better condition by calling your nerves bluff as it were. "I know I put that fire out—so if the whole place goes up in flames I can't do anything about it." You'll give in the first few times, but by the fourth or the fifth you'll be winning.

When you are tired you just must have gentle exercises to start you back to vigour again.

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Popularity Problems Of Children

All his life the child wants urgently to be loved, liked and admired. At first it is enough for him if he can feel absolutely certain of his mother's love. A little later, the father also becomes important to him, then the other members of the family.

By the time he goes to school his horizons have widened so that he wants and needs to be accepted by the children of his own age that he mixes with.

This need for acceptance by the group becomes stronger and stronger as the child grows towards adolescence, and reaches a peak between the age of 10 and 12 years when the formation of closely-knit, well-organized "gangs" or groups, societies and so on, are a feature of the child's life.

Not every child in these groups can be a leader and every child receives a varying degree of liking, admiration and respect from the other members. This is inevitable and does not matter so much to the child as long as he is accepted by some group and given a place in some organization of children about his own age.

Whether the child is actively popular or not with a lot of children does not always matter. Some children can be perfectly happy with just one or two good friends and a sort of casual "friendly" relationship with the other members of his class at school. Definite unpopularity, however, together with a complete lack of close friends, is always a source of present unhappiness and a sign of danger ahead.

Extreme Shyness

Among the personality traits and conditions that produce a child who is unpopular with his contemporaries is extreme shyness—the sort of shyness that makes the child appear shyly and stand-offish to other children. Also there are feelings of insecurity and insufficiency which the child covers up by excessive bragging and boasting or by a "know-all" attitude which other children find very hard to take.

Environment conditions also frequently produce varying degrees of unpopularity. The child whose parents are always moving, who never has a settled home and is always changing schools, has little chance to develop firm friendships, or form a niche for himself in a group of children.

In some homes there are various conditions which make the child unable or unwilling to entertain his friends there, and it is hard for a child to make and keep friends if he cannot invite them home. These conditions include extreme poverty, drunkenness, or some outstanding peculiarity such as insanity, in another member of the household.

Parents who are over-critical of their children's friends or who are unsympathetic or even hostile about other children coming into the house are putting grave difficulties in the way of their own children's popularity.

Reactions To Unpopularity

The child who for any one of these reasons finds himself unpopular, tends to do, broadly speaking, one of two things. Either he submits to his fate and makes no attempt to be popular or else he makes a desperate and usually quite unsuccessful last bid for popularity.

The first type of child, who is usually a shy child to start with, becomes shyer, withdraws more and more into himself and builds up a fantasy world into which he retreats. Carried to extremes this sort of behaviour is eventually to "nervous breakdown."

He may, on the other hand, on giving up the struggle where the children are concerned, in-

crease his unpopularity by trying to ingratiate himself with the teachers and so becomes that most abhorrent of all creatures—the "teacher's pet."

The child who makes a bid for popularity, often starts out by increasing his bragging and boasting. When he finds that this has anything but the desired effect, he will often try to "buy" friends by giving up all his pocket money to about a chosen few to drink and ice-creams and so make a good fellow of himself.

Unfortunately, usually his week-long allowance soon becomes inadequate, and so he resorts to all sorts of tricks, many of them dishonest, in order to procure a few more dollars to squander on this false popularity. Delinquency can, and very often does, begin in this way.

It would seem then, that a certain degree of popularity is absolutely essential to every child. Deprived of it, untidy children tend to move towards one of the two great pitfalls of adolescence—a "nervous breakdown" or delinquency.

Fashion Demands You Pass The 'Velvet Test'

By ALMA ARCHER

The "Velvet Test" Doesn't that sound like something from the land of magic carpets? Doesn't your mind flash to jewel colours and lush, fantastic materials at the mention of a velvet test?

We live today in a world of fashion. Fashion controls everything from the gorgeous automobile on the road to the filmy negligee.

So, out of a giddy trend in extravagance comes an even greater demand for beautiful women than history ever has known. But they must be lush-textured women of culture and charm and loveliness... with complexions of the velvet touch. More delicate and perfect than pioneer ladies.

To gain the skin of beauty, try the velvet test. If your skin only comes up to the canvas mark, you won't pass. Fashion calls for velvet. The complexion must look well against it. Pick up your mirror and examine carefully the quality of your skin and the array of tiny lines etched around your eyes by the Summer sun.

Feel your skin, too. Perhaps it is rough and dry. Your summer's tan soon fades to an unpleasant, yellow, leathery look—very unpretty with suave black and warm, jewel tones. Being fascinated with new clothes is one thing, but looking well in them is another.

Several all-purpose creams are on the market which will help soften your skin, protect it, and help develop its velvet quality. All drug and department stores carry these fine products, most reasonably priced. Spread it generously over neck, shoulders and arms, with thick coat over throat and face, and plenty around the eyes. Then leave it off and go to bed. All-purpose creams should help you achieve the one purpose of every woman—loveliness! Self-acting creams help gain the velvet touch.

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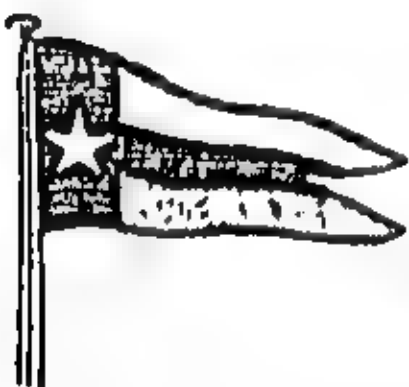
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London, December 2.

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The Burmese Foreign Minister, accompanied by U. Ohn, Burmese Ambassador to Britain, also had a personal talk with the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, at No. 10 Downing Street.

U. E. Maung is leaving by air for Rangoon today after a three-day stay during his return from the United Nations General Assembly at New York.

Mr. Bottomley, confirming that he had discussed arrangements for a commercial treaty between the two countries, told Reuters, "Meanwhile, existing arrangements will permit continuation of the free flow of trade which has been conducted between Britain and Burma since the transfer of power."

(When Burma became an independent Republic outside the Commonwealth two years ago a treaty governing long-term commercial arrangements between Britain and Burma was projected, but has still to be completed.)

U. E. Maung's meeting with Mr. Attlee was brief and informal. Mr. Attlee is acting for the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, who is on holiday. Observers assume that during his visit the Burmese Minister has given British Ministers his country's views on recognizing the Chinese Communist regime.

Tariff Request

Meanwhile, in Karachi, Mr. G. Aitana, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Pakistan, tonight asked the Pakistan Government to give tariff protection to the Dominion's infant industries.

Speaking at a dinner attended by the Pakistan Prime Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan, and delegates to the Islamic Economic Conference, he said, "Industries, like sensitive and delicate plants, have to be carefully nursed and nurtured."

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, December 2.—The stock market rode the crest of the biggest trading wave of the year today. Prices, on average, surged ahead to a 15-month high. Key stocks advanced fractions to more than two points. Transfers 2,020,000 shares—the largest since November 10 last year.

Seventy hundred and fifty-six stocks advanced and 171 declined. Rails issues led the advance. Ending of the coal strike was given major credit for the buying wave.

Among the gainers were Santa Fe, Union Pacific, Nickel Plate, Rock Island, Warner Brothers, Paramount Pictures, Loews, Twentieth Century Fox, Douglas Aircraft, Philco, Gulf Oil and United Aircraft.

Stumblers included Woolworth and Allied Chemical. Dow Jones averages: Stocks 69.97; 20 Industrials 193.63; 15 Rails 60.29; 10 Utilities 39.62.

Closing quotations:
Adams Express 22 1/2
Alaska Juneau 3 1/4
American Can 100
American Smelting 50 1/2
American Telephone 147 1/2
American Tobacco 7 1/2
American Waterworks 7 1/2
Anaconda Copper 28 1/2
Aviation Corp. 5 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive 10 1/2
Barnsdall 5 1/2
Bendix Aviation 30 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 30 1/2
Boring Aircraft 23 1/2
Borden Co. 47 1/2
Canadian Pacific 14 1/2
J. I. Case 44 1/2
Chrysler 60
Colgate 42 1/2
Commercial Solvents 19
Coca-Cola 65 1/2
Du Pont 60 1/2
Eastman Kodak 46 1/2
General Electric 40 1/2
General Motors 67 1/2
Goodrich 7 1/2
Goodyear 42
Homestake Mining 45 1/2
International Harvester 27 1/2
International Paper 67 1/2
International Tel. & Tel. 8 1/2
Johns Manville 42 1/2
Kennebec Copper 60 1/2
Montgomery Ward 34
National Distillers 22 1/2
National Lead 87 1/2
New York Central 10 1/2
Packard Motor 3 1/2
Pan American Airways 6 1/2
Pennsylvania RR 14 1/2
Radio Corp. 32 1/2
Real Silk 11 1/2
Remington Rand 11 1/2
Republic Steel 23 1/2
Reynolds Tobacco 38 1/2
Schenley 31 1/2
Sears Roebuck 42 1/2
Shell Oil 40 1/2
Socoy Vacuum 18 1/2
Southern Pacific 48 1/2
Standard Brands 20 1/2
Standard Oil of Calif. 38
Standard Oil of N. J. 68 1/2
Studebaker 34 1/2
Union Bag 37 1/2
Union Carbide 43
US Rubber 34
US Steel 25 1/2
US Lines 15 1/2
Westinghouse 28 1/2
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 70 1/2
Gen. Pub. Utilities 76 1/2

Rail bonds advanced. Among curb gainers were Electric Steel, Cities Service, Farnstead-Associated Press.

Surcharge On Freight Suspended

London, December 2.

The United Kingdom Continental Steamship Lines have decided to suspend the surcharge of 25 per cent levied on freight to Bombay because of delays caused by traffic congestion in the port, a European shipping conference spokesman said today.

This will take effect upon commencing to load after their first port-on and after their first port-off, he added. Ships now loading cargo will pay the surcharge, and a circular will be issued within the next few days indicating the first ship of each line to be affected, he said.

The American lines—the first to impose the surcharge in October last year—decided to suspend it for 90 days from December 1.—Reuters.

REVERSAL OF GOLD MOVEMENT

Washington, December 2.

Foreign buyers are still making deals—very small ones in comparison with the huge stocks—in the United States gold reserve.

The U.S. Federal Reserve Board reports a \$51,000,000 net drop in Government gold holdings for the week ended November 30. It is the largest drop in weeks containing a trend that set in shortly after devaluation of the British pound and other currencies last September.

Up to that time the U.S. holdings had been growing steadily for 18 years, except for the wartime interruption.

There still is no agreed explanation of the reversal of gold movement.

The \$51,000,000 drop in gold holdings still left \$24,479,000,000 in the Government's vaults—up \$314,000,000 from a year ago.—Associated Press.

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UNIVERSITY TROUNCE "OPTIMISTS"

Army Beat KCC By Three Wickets

Hong Kong University, who held the powerful Army XI to a draw in their First Division League cricket game last week, followed up this fine performance with a brilliant seven wicket win over HKCC "Optimists" at Chater Road yesterday.

The Army took no chances in their game against Kowloon Cricket Club at Soekunpoo and had no difficulty in accounting for their opponents, whom they beat by three wickets.

The game at King's Park between Club de Recreo and RAF ended in a draw, after the Alhambra had declared at 100 for seven.

Chungking Cricket Club, who were also visitors at King's Park as guests of the Royal Navy, were held to a draw by their hosts, who had scored 80 runs for nine when stumps were drawn, in reply to Chungking's total of 107 for nine declared.

In the Second Division, King George V School beat Doekved by nine wickets. Against the deadly bowling of the Schoolboys, Doekved could only muster 29 runs in total which the Schoolboys easily passed when it came to their turn to bat.

The game between Hong Kong University and Indian Recreation Club at Pokfulam ended in a draw, the Undergraduates having scored 107 for eight when stumps were drawn, the IRC total being 79.

FIRST DIVISION "Optimists"—HKU

The Hong Kong University defeated the HKCC "Optimists" by seven wickets in a First Division League cricket match at Chater Road yesterday.

The "Optimists" had first lease of the wicket, but found it extremely difficult to score off the deadly and accurate bowling of the Undergraduates and were all out for the low total of 61 runs. The only batsmen to offer any resistance were N. E. Arthy and L. D. Kilbee, who scored 19 runs and 13 runs respectively.

D. K. Poh was in devastating form with the ball and took three wickets for six runs in four overs, two of which were maidens. J. C. Koh was next best, capturing four wickets for 18 runs in 4.5 overs. The Undergraduates had little difficulty in knocking off the necessary runs for victory and when stumps were drawn at 4.15 p.m. they had scored 68 for three. C. Huang topped the batting with 20 runs, with L. T. Ride contributing 14 and Mr. "Extras" 13.

"OPTIMISTS"				
N. E. Arthy	b. Poh	19		
L. D. Kilbee	played on	13		
K. A. Miller	b. Lee	13		
J. MacPherson	b. T. Teh	5		
N. R. Oliver	b. Poh	5		
W. J. Slinger	b. Poh	5		
K. M. Almas	b. Koh	4		
H. H. Tankie	b. Koh	4		
A. S. Erson	b. Koh	4		
C. H. Pritchard	not out	1		
A. L. Smith	b. Koh	0		
Extras		13		
Total		61		

Bowling Analysis				
	O	M	R	W
S. M. Teh	6	1	13	1
T. H. Lee	5	2	22	2
J. C. Koh	4.5	1	18	4
D. K. Poh	4	2	6	3

HKU				
S. M. Teh	b. Smith	1		
T. H. Lee	b. Pritchard	7		
L. T. Ride	b. Arthy	14		
C. Huang	not out	20		
B. K. Poh	not out	4		
Extras		13		
Total (for 3 wickets)		68		

Bowling Analysis				
	O	M	R	W
C. H. Pritchard	5	1	17	1
A. L. Smith	5	2	14	1
N. E. Arthy	3	1	14	1
K. M. Almas	3	1	10	1

Army—KCC
The First Division League cricket match between Army and Kowloon Cricket Club at Soekunpoo resulted in a win for the Army by three wickets.

Feature of the match was the brilliant bowling of R. F. Pierce for the Army. In 5.1 overs he took three wickets for four runs. KCC batted first and compiled the respectable total of 109, to which F. R. Zimmerman contributed 35. The only other batsmen to reach double figures were A. Zimmerman and V. C. Bond, who scored 10 each. Mr. "Extras" contributed 17.

The Army did not have very much difficulty in obtaining the necessary runs, winning well ahead of the clock. Kerman was the most successful KCC bowler, taking three wickets for 43 runs.

KCC				
E. C. Finch	b. McKenzie	9		
W. M. Davidson	b. Thornycroft	5		
H. Kerman	b. Corfield	5		
A. Zimmerman	b. Corfield	10		
F. R. Zimmerman	b. McKenzie	35		
V. C. Bond	b. Corfield	10		
J. Lerou	b. Tomline	10		
N. Hart	b. Thornycroft	7		
A. T. Lee	not out	3		
C. Poye-Smith	b. Pierce	3		
H. E. Lee	b. McKenzie	1		
Extras		17		
Total		109		

Bowling Analysis				
	O	M	R	W
Corfield	9	1	31	3
McKenzie	6	2	24	3
Pierce	5.1	1	4	3

ARMY				
F. E. Thornycroft	b. R. E. Lee	14		
M. Maynard	b. Kerman	10		
G. H. Tomline	b. Kerman	10		
M. W. Hulme	b. Kerman	8		
R. E. Lee	not out	3		
J. Graveston	not out	51		
S. Smith	b. Kerman	2		
W. M. Mitchell	b. F. R. Zimmerman	2		
R. F. Pierce	b. Davidson	11		
K. G. McKenzie	not out	11		
Extras		17		
Total (for 7 wickets)		113		

Bowling Analysis				
	O	M	R	W
D. H. Crieke	9	2	28	2
R. E. Lee	9	2	28	2
Kerman	11	1	43	3
F. R. Zimmerman	6	2	16	1
Division	8	1	7	1
A. T. Lee	1	1	8	1

Recroio—RAF				
G. A. Souza	b. White	8		
P. T. K. Grant	b. White	10		
M. K. Ruman	b. Mack	33		
Uden	not out	33		
M. J. Divecha	b. Cockett	10		
A. H. Ismail	b. Uden	27		
J. Francis	b. Venables	2		
D. Rantman	b. Morgan	2		
H. Greenstone	not out	7		
T. Crabtree	not out	5		
Extras		6		
Total (for 9 wickets)		107		

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	O	M	R	W
Matheson	6	0	28	0
White	10	3	25	3
Uden	10	0	32	3
Morgan	6	2	15	2
Cockett	1	0	3	0

Navy				
T. Grant	b. Billimoria	15		
S. Brown	b. Crabtree	10		
M. J. Divecha	b. Ragi	5		
A. Mack	b. Crabtree	10		
J. Venables	b. Ragi	10		
R. T. White	b. Crabtree	10		
A. Morgan	b. Ruman	2		
Crabtree	not out	12		
Cockett	not out	9		
L. White	b. Crabtree	1		
J. Matheson	b. Ismail	1		
Ragi	not out	7		
Extras		7		
Total (for 9 wickets)		81		

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